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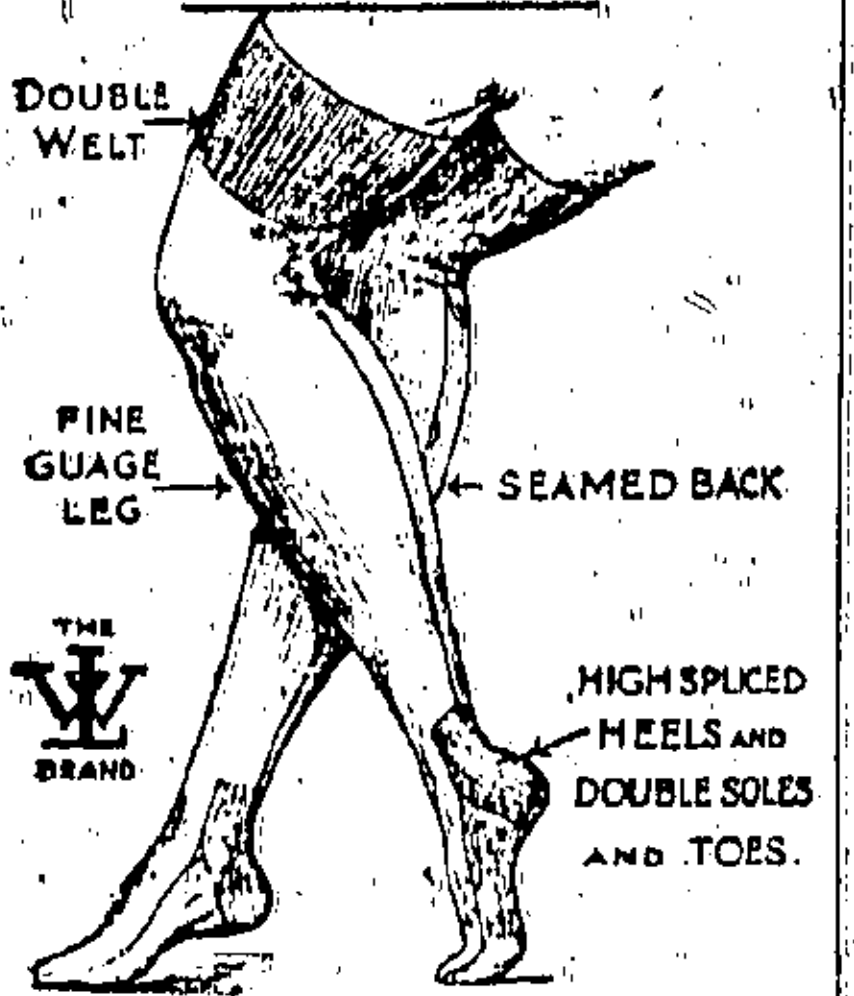


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Further details from Peking show that the Soviet Embassy raid was confined to one of the compounds technically considered to be outside the Embassy.

The armed police and troops to reach the compound had to go a couple of hundred yards along a road within the Legation quarter, and it was for this only permission was granted.

Numerous arrests were made and large quantities of arms, flags and propaganda were seized. There were seven car loads of leaflets.

FIRE BREAKS OUT.

An Attempt to Destroy Evidence?

Shanghai, April 6. The Soviet Consul General at Shanghai has received a telegram from the Embassy at Peking, dated five o'clock this afternoon asserting that several Russian watchmen were seized in the raid and were "beaten and tortured."

The telegram said that the raid was confined to one compound in the north-west corner of the Embassy grounds. The main Embassy Offices and Chancery with the archives were not touched.

The compound raided was the quarters of the military guard during the Tsarist days and is at present occupied by the Embassy auxiliary services, such as the Tass News Agency, the military attaché, the Sino-Russian Boxer Indemnity Commission, staff members' club and private residences.

The telegram stated that the raid was authorized by the Legation quarter authorities.

The telegram concluded that Mr. W. P. Thomas, a British subject employed by the Spanish Legation, and Secretary to the Legation Quarter Administrative Commission, telephoned to the Embassy, to that effect, adding that he would not permit a search of the Embassy property.—Reuter.

Struggle With Captors.

Peking, April 6. News of the raid spread rapidly in Peking. By noon a large crowd of foreigners and some Chinese had gathered at the doorways of the Embassy watching the prisoners being dragged out, mostly quietly but some struggling vigorously. Early this afternoon sixteen Russians and 34 Chinese had been removed.

While the search was progressing a fire broke out in the building formerly occupied by the Russian guards which appears to have been used as a Communist centre. It is believed the Russians started the fire to destroy incriminating evidence. Two fire brigades quickly rushed up and soon extinguished the flames.

A number of bundles of red flags were brought out.—Reuter.

Arms and Flags.

Peking, April 6. It is stated that the Soviet regard the premises raided as equally part of the Embassy, and there is the keenest speculation concerning likely repercussions at Moscow and on the Manchurian frontier.

During the afternoon more Chinese and Russians were taken out of the Embassy to the police station, also more rifles, one trench mortar, a considerable quantity of ammunition, numbers of boxes of bombs, and thousands of Kuomintang, as well as Red Flags.

Up to the present there have been seven carloads of propaganda leaflets.

Important Distinction.

Peking, April 6. Reuter is informed on very reliable authority that there is a great distinction between the Soviet Embassy proper and where the offices, and residences of the leading Soviet officials are, and the other part of the Embassy grounds containing the Dahl Bank, the Chinese Eastern Railway Offices, and the residences of many minor officials and other Russians.

Theoretically, the raid was not on the Embassy but on the ex-Eastern Railway building against the Dahl Bank.

In order to reach the railway building, the armed police and troops had to come a couple of hundred yards along the road within the Legation quarter. For this permission was asked and granted by the diplomatic officials.

The railway is partly Chinese. The raiders have not yet entered

MOSCOW'S LIES.

Stirring Up Trouble In China.

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

London, April 6.

A score of questions on China were addressed to Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons.

Replying to Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised that the Government did not intend being drawn into the Chinese civil war, whatever form it might assume.

Replying to questions with regard to messages from Moscow inciting the workers at Shanghai and elsewhere against the foreign troops in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain described the statements therein as entirely false and intended to mislead the opinion of the world.

He agreed that such action was unfriendly to Britain, and pointed out that he had already ex-

ARMS FOR CHINA.

Not To Be Carried In German Steamers.

Berlin, April 6.

The Association of German Shipowners and the East Asiatic Union have decided not to accept shipments of war material and munitions for China.—Reuter.

pressed the views of the Government in this connection in language which he thought was plain, dignified and definite.

A Conservative member suggested that Sir Austen Chamberlain might be sending from the way the Peking Government dealt with this matter.

Mr. R. C. Wallhead (Labour) asked Sir Austen Chamberlain's opinion on the action of the diplomatic corps at Peking "in ordering the invasion of the Russian Embassy."

COMMON INTERESTS.

Anglo-American Contact Maintained.

London, April 6. In the House of Commons, Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) suggested that a Cabinet Minister

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" eleventh Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Six competitors tied for first place, with three errors each.

should be sent to America with a view to obtaining complete Anglo-American unity of aim and method with regard to China.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, replied that the Government was in constant touch with the United States Government through the usual diplomatic channels and exchanged views thereon on various aspects of the Chinese situation as they arose.

Valueless Assurances.

Replying to Labour members who asked why British nationals were not warned to leave Nanking before March 20, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said he was afraid it was because too much faith had been placed in the assurances we had received.

The American Ambassador entered the diplomatic gallery to hear the debate on China.—Reuter.

NANKING OUTRAGES.

Powers and Common Policy.

London, April 6.

In the House of Commons replying to the debate on China, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said: "All my indications are that at any rate Japan, the United States and ourselves

BRITAIN'S STAND.

NOT TO BE HUSTLED OUT OF CHINA.

NANKING LESSON.

ASSURANCES BEFORE NEW NEGOTIATIONS.

The situation in China was the subject of an important debate in the House of Commons yesterday when the Foreign Secretary once more outlined the Government's policy.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said the Government would pursue its policy of conciliation and adjustment but it was not prepared to be hustled out of China.

Before there could be any further negotiations, the Government must know what will be the attitude of responsible Chinese authority with regard to the Nanking outrages.

SHANGHAI'S ESCAPE.

A Point Mr. R. MacDonald Ignored.

London, April 6.

The debate on China in the House of Commons was initiated by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, who declared that the despatch of the Shanghai Defence Force had considerably increased the difficulties of negotiation but had not increased the security of British life outside Shanghai.

Ministerial laughter, and cries of "What about inside Shanghai?"

It had undoubtedly spread suspicion all over China with regard to the real intention of the British Government.

Referring to the "very deplorable" incidents at Nanking, Mr. MacDonald said they could not be left where they were. He expressed the greatest confidence in the British officials, but suggested that Mr. Eugene Chen's reports were usually so truthful that his account of the Nanking affair was worthy of consideration and further enquiry.

Mr. MacDonald concluded by appealing for the restoration of such an atmosphere of goodwill and conciliation as would enable further negotiations.

He said a statement should be issued emphasising that we stood where we did when the British Note was issued at the end of last year, and suggested that an enquiry be held by a committee of the League of Nations.

Mr. MacDonald asked whether it was true new troops were going to China to be used as a mobile column and asked how far

STOP PRESS.

HANKOW'S GRAVE NEW CRISIS.

RUSSIANS JOIN EXODUS.

Shanghai, April 7.

According to American refugees from Hankow, who ask that their names should not be published for fear of reprisals on their houses, husbands and brothers, still unevacuated, anti-foreigner there—especially anti-British—has reached an amazing pitch since the Communist domination.

The lower class Chinese are truculent and insulting, especially since the Nanking affair which Nationalist propaganda has represented as an English and American slaughter of peaceful inhabitants.

No foreigner except Red Russians dare walk from the British Concession, except on the waterfront within easy reach of the foreign warships, without incurring personal danger.

Russians are provided with identification badges which secure wearers immunity from molestation.

The two foreign newspapers are still closed down. The Labour Union has prohibited upon penalty of severe punishment any Chinese from working for them.

The life of Mr. Schwartz, the American editor of one of the newspapers closed down, who has been particularly outspoken against Bolshevism, has been secretly threatened. He dare not go outside the French Concession where he lives owing to victims following menacingly. Pickets recently burned Mr. Schwartz's motor-car.

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semination of Bolshevism and the havoc wrought among the people and nation are unardonable."

Berlin's Surprise.

Berlin, April 6. The message from Peking reporting the raid on the Russian Embassy "with the signed authorisation of the diplomatic corps," has created excitement in Government political circles, where incredulity is expressed that the Diplomatic Corps, or at least that the German Minister, had given consent.—Reuter.

Question in Parliament.

London, April 6. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said the Government had no information regarding events in Peking.—Reuter.

The First News.

Peking, April 6. At 1.50 p.m., acting on the signed permission of the Diplomatic Corps over a hundred of Chang Tso-lin's troops and armed police carried out a raid on the Soviet Embassy to-day. They seized and guarded all possible means of egress and rushed in. One shot was heard after which a Russian was dragged out fighting and kicking. He was bound and carried off in a motor car.

Up to the present half a dozen Russians and 16 or 20 Chinese have been carried off to the Police Station.

A machine gun and fifteen rifles with ammunition were brought out. It is understood that the Charge d'Affaires and other officers are detained in their offices. The military still occupy the Embassy.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

E. winds, moderate; overcast, occasional rain, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

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I struggled to free myself from the
belt strapping me into the cockpit.

"But really I was under the water
only two minutes before I got hold
of the safety catch on the belt and
released myself."

On coming to the surface Flying
Officer Townsend made for the tail
of the plane, but it began to sub-
merge, so he mounted one of the
wings.

Then, finding that the
machine was drifting out to sea, he
decided to swim to the shore and
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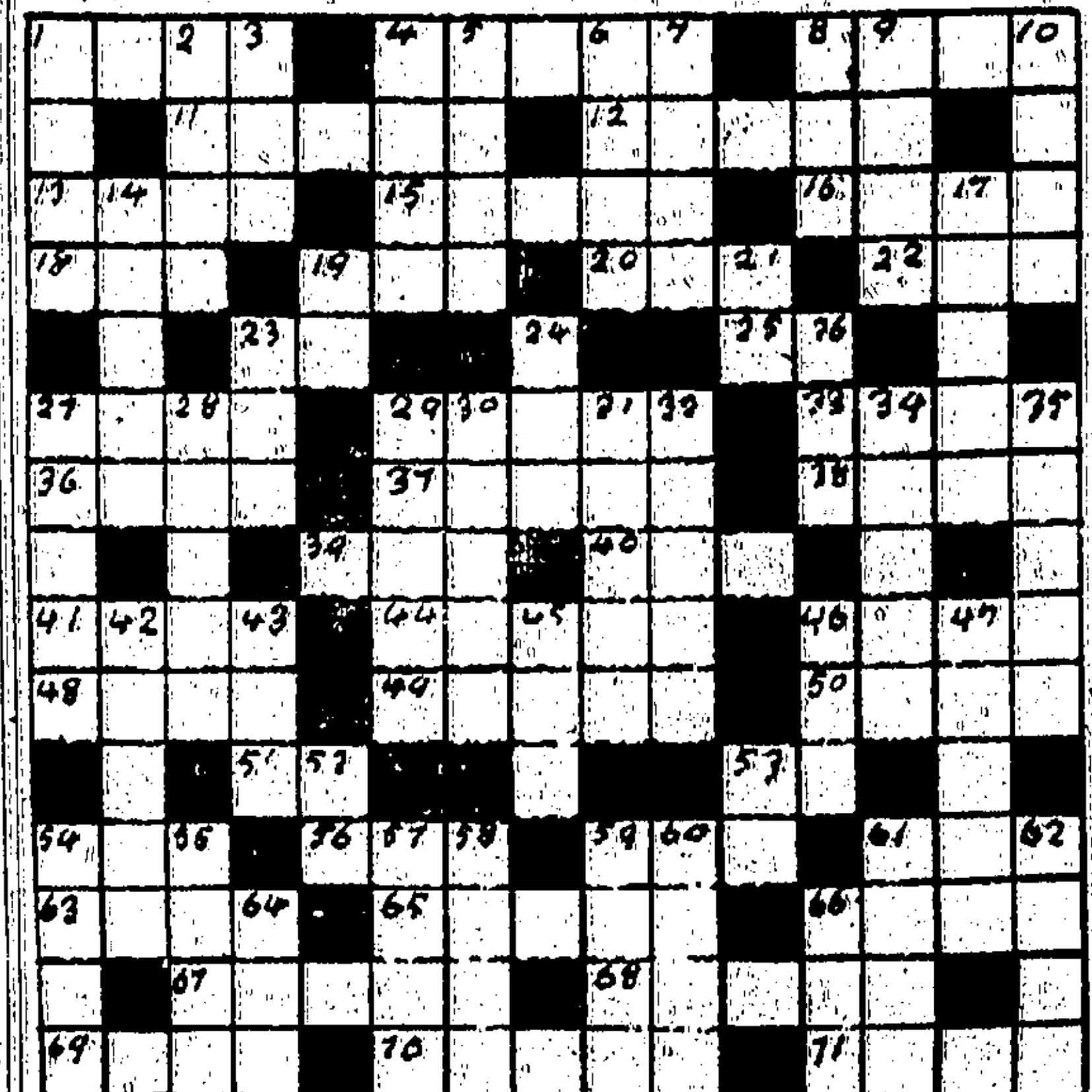
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2. Smelling.
3. Anything spiral.
4. A bird with a long neck.
5. In advance.
6. To boast.
7. It is pleasing to me.
8. Manner of walking.
9. To corrode.
10. A town in Scotland.
11. Organ of sight.
12. LLH (actual).
13. The indefinite article.
14. New York (abbrev.).
15. Fuel.
16. Gross.
17. Original man (bib.).
18. Pointed, as a cross.
19. Kingly.
20. Transparent rock-forming mineral.
21. A habitation.
22. Anything small.
23. A ribbon for the waist.
24. A narrow strip of leather.
25. An ornament for flowers.
26. Lizards.
27. A large fishing net.
28. Emmets.
29. Masculine pronoun.
30. Above and teaching.
31. The top or point of anything.
32. NCP (actual).
33. Cost, insurance and freight (abbrev.).
34. To describe clearly.
35. Pertaining to the ear.
36. Laryngitis.
37. To know (Latin).
38. Dewy.
39. To dress gradually.
40. Eyes.
41. Dainty food.
42. Destruction.

Clues Down.

1. Hippocrates' contrivance for reducing shoulder dislocations.
2. To scare away.
3. A unit of work.
4. Single in number.
5. A sky look.
6. Cape or headland.
7. Plural pronoun.
8. A witty person.
9. Freehold estate.
10. A mowing.
11. One who rates.
12. Pertaining to the lower intestines.
13. The indefinite article.
14. EN (actual).
15. Consumed.
16. Having the strength exhausted.
17. Tropical, potato-like root.
18. A vibration.
19. Burnt up.
20. To deviate from the regular.
21. Annual income (Fr.).
22. The devil.
23. To slant.
24. A scold.
25. Ship's officers.
26. Mythological evil demon.
27. HSH (actual).
28. A membrane.
29. A wagon or cart.
30. The terminus.
31. EN (actual).
32. Out from.
33. To entice.
34. A reel.
35. Style; fashion.
36. A magpie.
37. To yield.
38. Egyptian guide.
39. A girl's name.
40. To prepare.
41. COE (actual).
42. A point.

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SHIPPING BOARD'S LATEST PROPOSALS.

POLICY OF THE ACT OF 1920.

Plans by which the United States Government may promote commercial shipping under the American flag are outlined in a report which has been submitted to Congress by the United States Shipping Board.

The report states the "New York Journal of Commerce" is based on the assumption that the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 is the established shipping policy of the United States, and considers the problem from the point of view of that country's purpose to maintain a merchant marine adequate for the needs of the greater part of America's foreign commerce and suitable to form a reserve for national defence. It declares that a definite plan for permanence is vital at the present time, in view of statements of foreign competitors to the effect that American-flag shipping is a temporary institution, and recommends that the Congress restate its purpose of keeping the country's flag on the seas permanently.

It is pointed out that successful operation under private ownership can be achieved only through new legislation which would provide direct or indirect Federal aid. If the Government is to develop a merchant marine to the extent contemplated in the Merchant Marine Act, and continue its operation, the report states that appropriations both for operation expenses and for replacements and improvements are necessary. Under either plan it is urged that Government support is indispensable.

The Board lists 23 foreign trade cargo services now maintained by the Government, recommending that these be regarded as the minimum needed for placing the American merchant marine on a permanent basis. The aid provided, if private operation is to be secured, must be fundamental in character and should consist in contracts covering the reasonable lives of vessels.

Direct Subsidy Urged.

Direct subsidy payments, both for freight and passenger vessels, the report continues, might be proportioned on speed and computed on the number of days at sea while carrying cargoes and passengers to and from the United States.

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Government operation of the vessels would be continued substantially as at present, the Board maintaining services through the Fleet Corporation and managing operators. A definite construction programme, however, which would fulfil the need for fast cargo ships of modern types, in set down as an essential factor to be considered. A sufficient supply of freight vessels of 14 or 15 knots, propelled by up-to-date internal combustion engines, is urged.

In submitting this report to Congress, the Shipping Board has taken into consideration the difference which exists between maintaining ships under foreign flags and under the American flag. It has also considered and called attention to the fact that the majority of the foreign lines with which American services are in direct competition are recipients of substantial subsidies in one form or another. "These foreign lines," it is added, "are particularly active in competition and in spreading propaganda detrimental to the American merchant marine structure. It is essential, therefore, that the United States continue its strong determination to continue the development and operation of shipping for its own foreign commerce, and for the assistance of the military establishments of the Government in case of national emergency."

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Fines of \$5 each were imposed by Lt.-Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N. (Marine Magistrate) this morning on:—
master of steam-launch "Fuso Maru" for towing three lighters together through the southern entrance at Yamati Refuge (when only one is allowed);
master of motor-boat, "Sing Fook" for not having a licence the old one having expired 14 days. (Defendant's excuse was that he overlooked the renewal).

"TJIKIBOET" AGROUND.

When inquiries were made at the local J.C.L. office this morning, it was gathered that the s.s. "Tjikiboe" was still ashore at the N.E. of Lingling Island (14 miles to the south of Hong Kong) and that the Dock Co.'s tug "Henry Keswick" was still standing by.
The 1,300 Chinese emigrant passengers have been brought back to Hong Kong, almost if not all of them will sail for Singapore to-night by the s.s. "Tjikarang."
(Full details were given in yesterday's issue).

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

This morning there were 63 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour of which number 26 fly the British flag.
During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 9 arrivals (6 British) and 17 departures (7 British).

Mr. R. M. Johnson, of the U.S. Shipping Board at Yokohama, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the "President Jackson" on one of his frequent business visits.

A GIFT TO LLOYD'S.

HISTORIC CLOCK FOR THE NEW BUILDING.

A NOTABLE COLLECTION.

There has recently been presented to Lloyd's an historic grandfather clock, one of a notable collection of upwards of 200 old English long-case and bracket time-pieces belonging to Mr. David Arthur Fasham Wetherfield, who was an Annual Subscriber to Lloyd's from 1910 to 1925, and for many years a partner in the old-established firm of W. S. Partridge & Co., coal exporters and ship and insurance brokers. Mr. W. S. Partridge was a Member of Lloyd's from 1870 to 1909, and Mr. Wetherfield came to Lloyd's as his substitute in 1871.

The clock which Mr. Wetherfield has given to Lloyd's is by Benjamin Gray, who was in business in Pall Mall from 1720 to 1760, and was clock-maker to King George II. It is encased in a burr walnut case, the height of which is 10 ft. 2 in., the width of base 2 ft. and the depth of base 11 in.; has a duplex escapement; goes for eight days and strikes the hours; has "bolt and shutter" maintaining power; shows age and phase of the moon, and name of month and the date. It is said to have stood for about 150 years in Sheffield Place, Sussex, having been the property of the first Earl De La Warr and afterwards of the three Earls of Sheffield. On the death of the third Earl, the contents of the mansion were dispersed, and the clock was sold to a dealer, from whom Mr. Wetherfield acquired it some 20 years ago. A point of special interest is the duplex escapement, a rare form of movement, of which very few examples remain extant.

Mr. Wetherfield's private collection of clocks is believed to be the finest in the world. It was only commenced about the year 1900, but he has been interested in clocks since his boyhood. In his spare time he has travelled all over England, searching the towns for antique dealers and clockmakers, with a view to adding to his treasures. In 1907 there was published by Lawrence & Jellicoe, Ltd., an interesting work entitled "Old English Clocks" (The Wetherfield Collection), with an introduction and notes by F. J. Britten. At Mr. Wetherfield's house there are 24 grandfather clocks in the hall, while in the dining-room are to be seen 10 grandfather clocks and two bracket clocks, and in the drawing-room about the various other rooms and landings of his residence, there being no fewer than 40 clocks in one apartment upstairs. All the clocks are in beautiful condition, but, with the exception of about 15, which are regularly wound, they are not kept going.

The "Wetherfield" clock is intended for Lloyd's new building in Leadenhall Street, but for the present it has been placed in the Committee Room at Lloyd's Royal Exchange.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 19
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 18	July 21	July 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
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HONOLULU MARU ... Tuesday, 19th April.

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TAIKWA MARU ... Tuesday, 26th April.

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DELTA	4,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MAIWA	4,041	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
LAHORE	4,262	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	4,863	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, B'bay & K'chi
KHIVA	4,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	4,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	4,223	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	4,913	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	4,905	11th June	Marseilles & London
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SEAMEN'S HOURS.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT
THREAT.

FRENCH DELEGATE'S OPPOSITION

Geneva, Jan. 30.

There was a passionate debate in the Governing Body of the International Labour Office yesterday on the question whether, conformable to the desire of the Maritime Conference last year and the Joint Maritime Commission last week, a special Maritime Conference should be summoned in 1928 in order to deal with the international regulation of hours of work on board ship. Sir James Lithgow, for the employers, and the British Government delegate, Mr. Wolfe, opened their attack against the holding of such a conference.

The seamen proposed to postpone any discussion and decision until the April session of the Governing Body. Although this problem is already nearly 10 years old they are asserted to be unable to discuss it now because the minutes of the session of the Joint Maritime Commission are not yet ready. This proposal having been rejected by 12 votes against nine, Mr. Wolfe opposed the conference plan in the name of the British Government. In a sharp speech which provoked an energetic protest from the Workers' Group and even from the French Government delegate, M. Fontaine, Mr. Wolfe earnestly warned the Governing Body not to enter into this "disastrous adventure." He asserted that nobody in that hall had ever dreamed of holding a maritime conference for the regulation of the working hours of seamen in 1928, except under the pressure of sailors' organisations.

Prediction of Failure.
Mr. Wolfe said that possibly the British Government might refuse participation, and in any case was strongly opposed to any convention concerning hours of work on board ship under the present circumstances. Taking into account this attitude of the greatest maritime power, with 60 per cent. of the world's tonnage, Mr. Wolfe said that such a conference was bound to fail. Partisans of the conference hoped to avoid, by holding such a conference, the danger of alienating the seamen from the International Labour Organisation. Mr. Wolfe believed, however, there was a greater danger of alienation if the conference either totally failed or produced a convention which could not be ratified.

M. Fontaine protested in the name of the French Government against Mr. Wolfe's assertion that partisans in the conference at under pressure of the seamen. France, he said, was sincerely convinced of the necessity of the proposed working time. Neither France nor the Workers' Group desired an eight-hour day similar to the Washington Convention. The seamen's convention must be elastic, but some protection was needed.

M. Oudegeest (Holland) strongly protested in the name of the Workers' Group against Mr. Wolfe's interpretation of the workers' motives. The workers had openly stated their own arguments in favour of the conference. Mr. Oudegeest also protested against Mr. Wolfe's statements of Britain's unchangeable attitude at the eventual conference. The British Government's menace was contrary to the tradition of free parliamentary discussion which should prevail also at Geneva.

The vote resulted in the adoption of the proposal for a maritime conference in 1928 by 13 votes against nine. Only Great Britain and India voted with the Employers' Group against. The decision has only a provisional character. A definite decision will be taken at the April session.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benrooch" are reminded that rent will be charged on goods remaining undelivered after April 9.

His many friends in the Colony will wish Mr. Don Tinning an enjoyable holiday. Accompanied by Mrs. Tinning, the head of the local Dollar Line and American Mail Line services, went on long leave on Tuesday, sailing on the "President Pierce." During Mr. Tinning's absence, Mr. T. P. Wilson will be in charge. Mr. Wilson has come down from the Kobe office, arriving on the "President Hayes" last week.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVAL.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on April 6 by the "President Jackson" from Seattle, Japan and Shanghai, were:- Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Aubrey, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mr. H. Bell, Mrs. P. E. and Mrs. R. C. and R. D. Bousfield, Mrs. L. and Mrs. Bassett, Mr. F. M. Chang, Mr. C. L. Chu, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Chu, Miss E. Darrah, Mr. Do Chan-wah, Mr. T. J. Evans, Mr. W. J. Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hays, Mr. J. E. Henry, Mr. R. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Soy-hing, Mr. Liang Pak-choe, Mr. R. Lahcote, Mr. Y. L. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pelton, Mr. G. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. and Miss V. Powell, Mr. A. C. Rozario, Mr. K. Sorenson, Sak, Moising, Mr. T. A. Shen, Miss and Mrs. M. Schneerson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Thompson, Mrs. S. Y. and Mrs. A. and B. Tong, Mr. and Mrs. M. and the Misses M. and K. Yamawaki, Mr. S. M. Yuen.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Antenor" for the United Kingdom via Singapore and Marseilles on April 6, were:- Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Annett, Mrs. Leonard Yates and Mr. R. A. and Miss D. Yates, Miss J. B. Smith, Mr. W. Benson, Mr. P. Plage, Miss E. Webster, Mrs. N. B. and the Misses M. S. and D. R. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. and Mr. T. R. Raiton, Miss E. Priestland, Mr. F. L. Lowy, Mrs. Bousfield, Mr. W. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stratford, Mr. D. W. Morley, Mr. Y. Frost, Mr. R. L. Stewart, Mr. G. B. Layton, Miss E. E. Hamilton, Rev. J. R. Kanazee, Mr. K. Egeland, Mr. L. K. Verma, Mrs. T. de Lilliehook, Mrs. L. Zimna, Mr. S. D. Begg, Mrs. M. and Miss P. M. Cobbett, Dr. and Mrs. J. and Mr. J. W. Edgar, Mrs. S. G. and Miss B. E. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. F. and Miss G. M. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. the Misses H. D. and D. and Mr. J. R. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. and Miss A. V. Green, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Harrison, Miss E. W. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. H. and Mr. J. J. J. A. E. Lanning, Mrs. M. Macfarlane, Mrs. M. H. Nairn, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Mr. E. C. A. Roth, Mrs. M. C. and Mr. M. Stringer, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. and Miss E. J. Rickard, Miss F. A. Walpole, Mrs. S. G. and Mr. Flemmons.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong on April 6 by the "President Pierce" for Shanghai, Japan and Seattle, were:- Mr. C. A. Buxham, Mr. J. C. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crocker, Mr. C. L. Dinsmore, Mr. H. W. Garber, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moulton, Mrs. F. D. Papa, Mr. R. S. Parker, Mrs. H. L. and Mr. H. L. Reeves, Mrs. F. M. Stone, Lt. L. J. Webb, U.S.N., Mr. H. M. Cavender, Mr. S. Coto, Miss E. Kusnetsoff, Mr. M. Okamoto, Mrs. E. S. and the Misses B. and L. Welhaven, Miss L. G. Lyon, Mr. D. F. Morrison, Mr. A. Patterson, Mr. U. Yamamura, Mr. E. A. Azunano, Mr. J. C. Cooper, Mr. H. T. Edwards, Miss E. S. Hardie, Mrs. C. A. and Miss E. Massell, the Misses E. and H. O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. and Miss D. Steininger, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. and Miss E. Thomson, Mr. Loo, Mr. K. Y. Simpson, Mr. Choy Hawk-him, Mr. Chow, Mr. M. Nemaze, Mr. W. G. Ma Chow Soo and children, Mr. Fong Su-man, Mr. V. Lisamer, Lt. Comdr. H. M. H. Whiteley, R.N., Lt. C. B. Wombwell, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Heuterman, Miss J. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Shoffer, Mr. H. B. Hammond, Mr. Fuldner, Mrs. Lew Shee, Mrs. Cooch Sher, Mr. Moy Shee, Mr. Tom Mon-kam, Mr. Woo Park-hoc, Mr. E. Leu Ming, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tinning, Mrs. A. M. Horder, Mr. F. S. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fisher, Mr. G. E. Fisher, Mrs. W. O. Finkbine, Mr. and Mrs. S. Erlanger, Mrs. F. Gradwell, Miss M. Hyatt, Dr. J. K. Milward, Mrs. De La Camp, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams, Mr. A. C. Wertheim, Mrs. A. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Dung, Miss E. J. Jennings, the Misses L. and J. Jordan, Mr. P. S. Foo and Mr. P. K. Foo, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Wu, Mr. S. Takahashi, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barce, Mr. and Mrs. H. Von Greim, Mr. H. Ferber, Mr. L. P. Chan, Mr. G. Talberg, Mr. E. K. Wikane, Mr. Look Man-lam, Mr. P. N. Chan, Dr. H. K. Kung, Mr. E. F. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Linanoff, Miss Fong Yui-kui.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 8.30 a.m., left in the afternoon, and was due at Yokohama, to-day at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 7 a.m., left to-day at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on April 9.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

CAPTAIN'S SUICIDE AFTER TEN DAYS' ADRIFF.

A tragic story of a master mariner's sleepless nights in his gale-tossed ship and his subsequent suicide was unfolded at the City of London Coroner's Court, when the death of John Donald Martin (52), a master mariner of Bournemouth, was inquired into.

Captain Martin was discovered dead in bed at a London hotel with a piece of rubber piping leading from a gas jet grasped in his hand.

Evidence showed that for 20 years Captain Martin had been in the same service and recently was master of the steamer "Swanley," which during the recent gales was disabled at sea on a voyage from South Africa. The captain had many sleepless nights before the vessel was towed to Glasgow for repairs, and when he rejoined his wife he told her about his rough passage, and said he was very worried because he would have nothing to do for some months with no pay. He had had very little sleep for the 10 days he was adrift.

A representative of the shipping company that owned the s.s. "Swanley" testified to Captain Martin's excellent service, and said that, although he was looking for other employment, he would have been reinstated if he had wished it when his ship was ready. "He loved his ship," added witness.

A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.

On arrival here from Calcutta via Singapore, the Indo China s.s. "Namsang" reported the death of one Lascar from small-pox, during the voyage.

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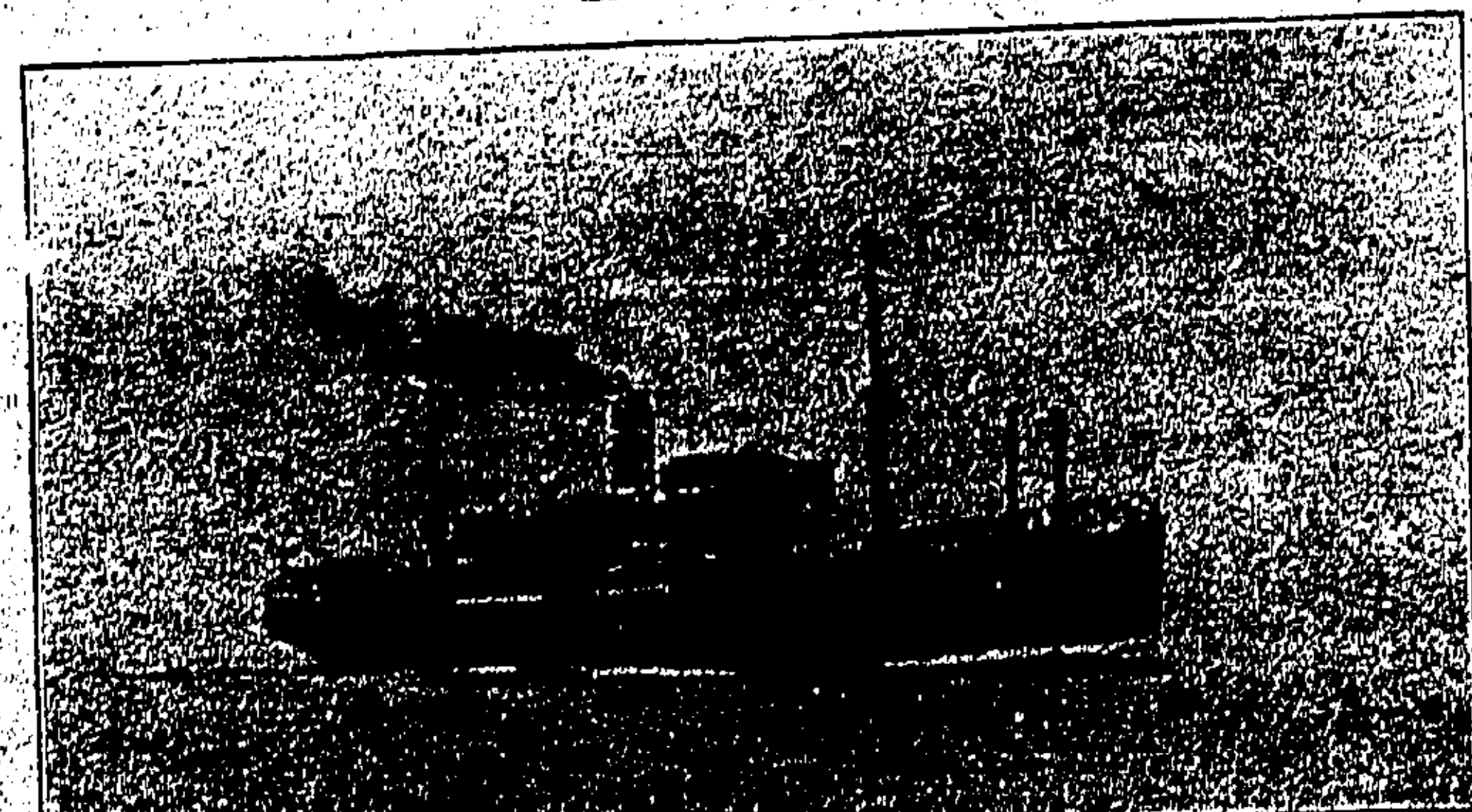
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BRITAIN'S STAND.

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Britain had no interest in China except to live on terms of peace and friendship with the Chinese people, just as the great mass of Chinese had no other interest than to live on terms of peace and friendship with Britain, if allowed to do so, but in the face of a government unable or unwilling to control its troops and protect foreigners, we must take such precautions as we could for the protection of our people pursuing their lawful employment.

First Things First.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said we had "taken the lead in the efforts to negotiate and in the declaration of the most liberal policy ever proposed to China we had shown in spite of provocation that we earnestly sought to settle these difficult questions in a friendly spirit, and recognised everything legitimate in Chinese national aspirations, and attempted to lay broad and firm foundations for future peaceful relations with the Chinese, but how could agreement be made with people who were unable to execute the terms; how could he negotiate with the Cantonese Government at Hankow, the failure to give protection at Hankow and other places or to do anything to stop anti-foreign propaganda?

"We must have the knowledge that there exists in China an authority which not only undertakes to protect life and property, but is in a position to do so, and exercise its power before we can run any further risks to the lives and interests of our own people. Our policy remains the same.

"I recognise that the old treaties are out of date. We must move forward to a new system, but the Chinese must move too, and concurrently. But before we can carry this policy further, we must know what will be the attitude of responsible Chinese authority with regard to the outrages at Nanking."

"Life in China."

Sir Austen Chamberlain reinforced his case by citing reports of looting at places which had come under the Nationalists' control, notably Chinkiang and Kiangling. Offences against foreigners at Ichang where such that the conduct was previously unknown.

Sir Austen Chamberlain read long reports "to give critical members some idea of what life in China was like at present."

Sir Austen Chamberlain commented on the fact that the Opposition to-day did not put up a resolution, whereas in the last debate on China they called for the immediate recall of the forces en route to China. He asked whether Mr MacDonald would renew that demand to-day.

He said it was only if the Cantonese recognised the ordinary obligations of a government that they could expect Britain to pursue the policy indicated in the December and February Memoranda.

The position was very difficult owing to the absence of a united Chinese government, so every conversation with one authority caused suspicion and jealousy with the other and any concession made to one was distasteful to the other who referred that concession be not made rather than it be made to one of its opponents.

Liberal's Support.

Sir Austen Chamberlain concluded by saying the Government would pursue when possible their policy of conciliation and the adjustment of the old position to new aspirations and conditions, but it was not prepared to be hustled out of China and to withdraw its nationals from Shanghai as well as un-occupied places. Britain was not prepared to be treated as though it had no right to that which it had treaty right, and as though the lives of British subjects were of no account to the British Government. (Loud Ministerial cheers).

Mr Lloyd George (Liberal) said that the task of Sir Austen Chamberlain had undertaken was one of the most difficult that had ever fallen on the shoulders of any Foreign Secretary. He was confident Sir Austen Chamberlain would do it. That situation had now changed, and the forces which the agitators had aroused were directed against foreigners indiscriminately.

HOSTILE NATIONALISTS.

Still Further Details From Nanking.

Rugby, April 6.—Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, made a statement on China in the House of Commons this evening.

He said that the British were in China in pursuance of treaty obligations, and that the Government

circumstances made it possible to meet Chinese national aspirations and to remove the special conditions which were rendered necessary as soon as China could protect the foreigner within its gates and give him the same security for justice and for life, and he might add, for property as a Chinese could obtain here, or could obtain in any civilised country.

He had given a fairly complete account of the recent events at Nanking, partly derived from the British Consul-General and partly from American and Japanese reports. He had now a further report from the British Vice-Consul, signed and approved by the British Consul.

Deliberately Attacked.

In this report it was pointed out that the Northern troops left the city peacefully on Wednesday night, March 23, and that early on Thursday morning, troops belonging to the Fourth Division of the South Army, mainly Hunanese, entered, and the British Consulate was surrounded and attacked.

The Consul-General was attacked in the Consulate grounds by sentries posted by the looters. The Consul hid for a time with his child and two ladies, but they were soon discovered and robbed of all their valuables by bands of looters, and eventually they were rescued by half past five in the afternoon.

The United States Consulate was also in the hands of looters, and the Consul made his way with great difficulty with a party to the Standard Oil Company Hill, where a large number of foreigners were assembled. Eventually they were rescued.

The Japanese Consulate was also looted, and the Consul himself was shot at as he lay in bed, and property was looted or wantonly destroyed.

Conclusive Evidence.

Two British subjects were killed. There was no doubt the attack was organised. There was no question of the troops getting out of hand. They appeared to assemble at various points when a bugle sounded. The officers, when appealed to, made no attempt to interfere, and the whole affair seemed to have been planned in advance.

The looting was still going on without any attempt at protection by the authorities. If there could ever have been any doubt regarding the complicity of the Nationalist troops in the area in which the outrages were committed that doubt ought to be dissipated by the subsequent events.

Although there could be now no question of the presence of any Northern troops in Nanking, and there was no doubt that the city was wholly within the control of the Nationalists, the Consul-General reported on March 24 that looting continued unchecked.

The Consulate residences and offices were being attacked daily by bands of armed soldiers who were removing fixtures. No attempt was being made to restrain the looters.

An officer in charge of the Nationalist troops sent a warning that any British coming ashore would be promptly shot. Anti-British posters had been put up in the city and British troops had been fired at from the waterfront.

A similar state of affairs had arisen in greater or less degree in every place which was still under the control of the Nationalists.

General Anti-Foreign Movement. He mentioned an incident in which the premises of the Wesleyan Mission were broken into and the contents destroyed by a rabble of students and others. Members of the mission were hounded out of the place and a jeering mob pursued them by the light of lanterns, and threatened them with violence, down to the river by which they left.

Sir Austen Chamberlain gave in great detail further instances of looting and outrage upon hospitals and other buildings, and said it would be a mistake to suppose that these attacks were confined to the British subjects and interests.

There was a time when the campaign of hostility was concentrated on ourselves and attacks on other foreigners were exceptional. That situation had now changed, and the forces which the agitators had aroused were directed against foreigners indiscriminately.

During the past few months agitation and attacks had been more and more directed against foreigners in general. He gave further instances and illustrations of this statement, and emphasised that he was dealing with outrages committed in the territory which the Nationalist Government controlled.

Continuing, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government

China except to live on terms of peace and friendship with the Chinese people. The great mass of the Chinese people had no other interest than to live on terms of peace and friendship with us and he was sure they would be glad to do so if they were allowed.

But in the face of a government which either could not control, or would not control, its troops, which could not give protection, we must take such precautions as we could for the protection of our own people pursuing their lawful vocations. This was a primary duty which the Government must discharge, and to enable them to discharge it, they had thought it necessary to send further reinforcements.

Why should we be suspected of taking the lead of a military character? We had taken the lead in efforts to negotiate in the most liberal policy ever proposed. We had earnestly sought to settle this difficult question in a friendly spirit and to recognise all that was legitimate in Chinese National aspirations and to allow an opportunity to form the foundations of peaceful relations with the Chinese people.

How?

But how could we negotiate with the Cantonese Government in the face of the outrages at Nanking, in the face of the failure to give protection at Hankow, in the face of the failure to give protection to any one of the other places that he had named, or to do anything to prevent this anti-foreign propaganda, and to prevent the cry of "Kill the Christians" and "Kill the foreigners."

One must have existing in China an authority which not only undertakes to protect life, but was in a position to do so, and to exercise its powers before we could run any further risks with the lives and interests of British subjects.

But our policy remained the same. We recognised that the treaties were out of date, and we must move forward with a new machine, but the Chinese must move too and concurrently. Before we could carry this policy further we must know what was to be the attitude of these responsible Chinese authorities as regards the outrages committed at Nanking. He believed all the Powers concerned to be in substantial agreement, if not already in actual verbal agreement, not merely to require redress, but agreed as to the terms in which that redress should be demanded. But he could not make a statement upon that subject until agreement was final, and until publication was possible in the different countries concerned.

Agreement has been reached among the Ministers in Peking as to the recommendations to be made to their governments, but he was not absolutely certain as to the complete measure of agreement, or of the number of Powers who might agree at present. His indications were that at any rate, Japan, the United States and ourselves would probably be in agreement, not merely to demand reparations, but as to the reparation which should be asked.

Nationalist Responsibilities. Replying to a question by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour Leader, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he thought it might be a day or two before the demands would be presented. He added that he trusted the Nationalist authorities would recognise their responsibilities, and would understand that their reputation as a government and the interests of China were involved.

It was hoped they would recognise the obligations of a government and behave as other governments did in similar circumstances so that His Majesty's Government could pursue that policy which was indicated in his Memorandum of December and amplified in the Memorandum of February, which was the ground-work upon which we could hope to build out future relations with China.—British Wireless Service.

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will probably be in agreement, not merely to ask for reparations, but with regard to the reparations which should be asked for the Nanking outrages. He expressed the opinion that it would be a day or two before these demands could be presented.—Reuter.

CHEERS FOR TROOPS.

Scots Guards March To The Station.

London, April 6.—Crowds of cheering men and women lined the route from Wellington Barracks to Waterloo Station when drafts of the First Battalion of the Scots Guards in service dress with grey greatcoats, preceded by a band playing "Keep the Home Fires Burning," marched to the Station on their way to reinforce the Second Battalion from Aldershot for China.—Reuter.

The Sailing Date.

The first contingent of the new Brigade going to Shanghai will embark from Southampton on board the "City of Marseilles" on April 11.—Reuter.

CAPTAIN SPEARS.

Questions In House of Commons.

London, April 6.—In the House of Commons, replying to questions by Labour members, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, said that Captain Spears was an intelligence officer of the 20th Indian Infantry Brigade, which was under the command of Major-General Duncan at Shanghai.

Pressed to say how Captain Spears came to be at Hankow, the Secretary for War merely replied that he was there in pursuance of his duties. (Ministerial cheers).

NATIONALIST DELEGATES.

Three Cantonese To Tour Latin America.

Mexico City, April 6.—Three Cantonese delegates have arrived here. They state that they are going to tour Latin America to create goodwill towards the Nationalist movement in China.—Reuter's American Service.

FOOD FOR THE TROOPS.

Over 200 Tons of Flour From Australia.

Tenders by the New South Wales Mellers Association for the supply of 112 short tons of Australian flour for Shanghai and 100 tons for Hong Kong have been accepted by the War Office.

The rations for the Shanghai Defence Force will be supplied almost wholly from the Dominions and from Home.

Australia has also secured the contract for meat of which at least 175 tons will be required monthly, and is also certain to provide jam, milk and biscuits, as she already has a large direct trade with the Far East in these commodities.

[Note: A short ton is 2,000 lbs. The "long ton" is 2,240 lbs.]

DANGER ZONES.

Insurance Risks at Shanghai and Tientsin.

On March 1 insurances were effected in London on warehouse property in the International Settlement at Shanghai at a premium of 1 per cent. for one month, while at Tientsin a risk was written at as low a rate as 15s. per cent. for three months.

For some time up to a month ago, underwriters have been disposed to limit their liabilities to comparatively short periods, and in some cases they were then relieved of liability under earlier contracts.

The underwriting attitude towards the proposals naturally varies widely, and in all quarters there is a tendency strictly to keep the liabilities within moderate limits.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

France Sending Further Reinforcements.

Paris, April 6.—The Cabinet is considering the despatch of another cruiser and six hundred men from the Syrian and Moroccan contingents to China, according to the "Echo de Paris."

American Missionaries.

New York, April 6.—The Presbyterian Foreign Board has authorised the raising of \$2,000,000 as an emergency fund to aid Presbyterian missionaries driven from their posts in China.—Reuter's American Service.

Action Against Reds.

Shanghai, April 6.—The friction between Chiang Kai-shek and the communists has been increased by the Generalissimo's action in suppressing the provisional administration which the communists recently established to control the Shanghai area.

The communists have now sent a delegation to Hankow to take up the matter with the Central Executive Committee, while Chiang Kai-shek has also sent a report to the same quarter urging that the provisional administration be suppressed by a constitutionally elected one.

The latest despatches from Hankow indicate even the possibility of Chiang Kai-shek taking military action against the Hankow extremists. His Fourth Army having advanced to Hunan and occupied Hengchow, which is regarded as a direct threat to Tang Seng-chi, the communists' chief military supporter.—Reuter.

Chiang and Hankow.

According to a Shanghai cable to the "Canton Gazette" General Chiang Kai-shek still consults Hankow as to matters in Kiangsu province (in which Shanghai and Nanking are situated). The message reads:—

With regard to the necessary steps to be taken in connection with the military, political and diplomatic administrations of Kiangsu province, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has deputed General's Ching Chien and Lin Tsu-hsien as his representatives to proceed to Hankow for instructions on the above subjects from the Central Executive Committee and the Nationalist Government. The two delegates left Nanking on March 31.



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WELCOME

After service with the China Squadron, Lt. Comdr. H. M. Huntington Whiteley, R.N., sailed from Hong Kong on Tuesday by the "President Pierce" for Seattle, whence he is going on to England.

There were two cases of notifiable disease in the Colony on Wednesday. One, a Portuguese case of diphtheria, was from Kowloon. The other, a Chinese with enteric fever (typhoid) was from the city registration district.

No. 10, Wyndham Street, was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday to Mr. Mok Yu-yun for \$50,800 (an increase of over \$9,000 on the upset price). Nos. 19 and 20, Hill Road were sold to the Sincere Insurance Investment Co. for \$40,500.

Another Municipal Hospital (situated in "Canton Gazette") will be built by the Bureau of Public Health. A contract was signed by the Health Bureau and a contractor for the hospital building which is to cost \$99,200. The site for the building is on Poon Fook Road. Building work will begin immediately, it is reported.

On returning to his residence in the exclusive locality of South-square, Westminster, Mr. Oswald Mosley, the Socialist who married a daughter of the late Lord Curzon, and who recently won the by-election for Southwick, found his front door painted red, white and blue. "It is only Tory politics. I am not concerned about it," he declared.

The Bluebell "Boys" entertained a large number at Talkoo last night with an excellent concert, outstanding among the items being the monologues of Mr. F. I. Sharman and the tenor solos of Mr. J. H. Atha. The second half consisted of a humorous playlet written by Sub-Lieut. E. W. Thurston. Among those present were Messrs. K. E. Greig, Dr. Templeton, W. J. Hill, Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Anderson Moorehead, Lt. Comdr. Cross, Rev. Father O'Connor and others.

Two former officials of the Canton Government sailed for Shanghai, from Hong Kong, on Tuesday, by the "President Pierce". Their names were given as Mr. P. S. Foo and Mr. P. K. Foo. Mr. Foo Ping-sheung was Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and Superintendent of Customs till early last year. He was the first student to graduate with 1st class honours in the Engineering Faculty of the Hong Kong University (in 1916). After leaving Canton, Mr. Foo Ping-sheung lived in retirement in this Colony, as did his brother, Mr. Foo Ping-kwan, who also held an appointment at Canton.

The Mephistopheles hat is the latest rage in Paris. It fits the head like a skull-cap, completely concealing the hair, while the ear-caps emphasise the luster of the eyes.

Mr. A. Hopkinson, Independent M.P. for Maccles (Lancs), in a speech before the Cambridge Union, said, "I sit in the House of Commons opposite the Socialist community, and see before me the most professed lovers of the human race, but I never met a more blackguardly looking lot, with the appearance of envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness in their faces."

Joseph Seybold is suing Mrs. May Moore, a spiritualist, claiming \$1,000 damages for her failure to produce the spirit wife to whom she had married him. The ceremony was attended by several earthly persons, while numerous spirits were also invited, a chair being provided for "Sarah," who failed to materialise, despite Mrs. Moore's assurances that she was there. Seybold, who had bought a ring, and given Mrs. Moore the deeds of his farm, spent \$20 on the wedding feast.

"Language complexities among the men of the foreign defence forces assembled at Shanghai in their thousands are increasing. A remarkable example was witnessed the other day when three American marines were seen talking to five almost coal-black Gurkhas, through the intermediary of a Sikh policeman acting as interpreter. It is suspected, remarks the "Shanghai Times," that the topic of conversation was whether the dusky ones were any relation to the original coal-black mammy which has been inspiration for hundreds of songs which have swept the music halls of Britain and America.

Many years ago the late Sir Charles Reed presented to the National Sunday School Union the pulpit from which John Bunyan preached at Zoar Chapel, Southwark, on at least two occasions within six months of his death. This valuable relic has now been offered to the Trustees of Bunyan Meeting, Bedford, to be placed in the museum of Bunyan relics at that church. Mr. Joseph Whiting, who is both the Secretary of the Trustees and the Organizing Representative of the Union, acknowledged the gift at a meeting of the Council recently, and reminded the Council of its appropriateness in view of next year's tercentenary celebrations.

There has been discovered in the kit of a member of the Shanghai Scottish, billeted at the Race Club, a pocket-knife with one blade and two corkscrews.

"Le Soir" asserts that the pilots of planes flying to England have been ordered to pinion the arms and legs of any passenger showing the first sign of madness. If that does not suffice, the refractory one must be shot!

Sunspots have a marked influence on mortality, according to Dr. Maurice Fauriol, a leading French physician, lecturing at the Academy of Medicine. He declared that as the result of several years' observations, he had discovered that, whereas the death rate was 13 per cent. on ordinary days, it rose to 26 per cent. on days when there were sunspots. He suggested that the cause was "dis equilibrium."

A correspondent who rightly signs himself "Methusalem" writes to a Shanghai paper, "I have heard it often stated, that this is the first occasion that a Battalion of the Guards have been East of Suez, but, in the year 1886, I saw a Battalion (I believe the Coldstream Guards) land at Suakin, to take part in the Sudan Campaign. Suakin is about 600 miles from Suez, and more to the south than the east."

The Prince of Wales and Prince George are both appearing at dance clubs once more. For several days after the death of the late Emperor of Japan international Court etiquette prevented this. During his enforced absence, however, the Prince of Wales has acquired a number of new dance steps, says a Home paper's gossip writer. Over the week-end I saw him trying out a remarkable species of "Charleston Blues" which begins with a small step sideways followed by a large slow one—almost a bound—also sideways. He further attempted the "Black Bottom" quite successfully, though his partner did not seem to find it easy to follow. Prince George, who was with Miss Poppy Baring, danced a less ambitious Charleston. Both he and the Prince of Wales wore a tiny jonquil in their buttonhole. At this particular club no one ever stares at Royalty, even though the Princes be seated or dancing only a foot away. England is probably the only country in the world where such good manners are observed and Royalty can enjoy public amusements without feeling like a public exhibition.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. A. C. Rozario of Hong Kong returned to the Colony yesterday on the "President Jackson" after a trip to Shanghai.

Mr. G. B. Layton, principal of Messrs. Layton & Co. (exchange brokers) went on Home leave yesterday, sailing on the "Antenor."

Mr. D. W. Morley sailed yesterday on the Homeward bound "Antenor." He is lecturer in mechanical engineering at the University.

Travelling from Shanghai to be married at Genoa, Mr. J. G. Sanchez and Miss Annie Fuxman arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jackson." The latter is going on to Manila.

Mr. C. Stafford, assistant works manager of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Stafford, left Hong Kong yesterday on the "Antenor" for Home.

Mr. R. Y. Frost of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. was one of the passengers on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Antenor," which left Hong Kong yesterday for England via Singapore.

Mr. K. Sorenson, representative in China of the Ford Motor Co. (stationed in Shanghai) has come down to Hong Kong on business, arriving yesterday on the "President Jackson."

Going through to Manila on the "President Jackson," which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Shanghai, are Mrs. Olga Strijevsky and Miss Tamara Strijevsky, well-known models of Shanghai.

The Blue Funnel s.s. "Antenor" took away a good many passengers from Hong Kong yesterday, bound for the United Kingdom via Singapore and Marseilles. Those on board included Mrs. Leonard Yates, Mr. W. Benson, Mr. P. Plage, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ralston, Mrs. Boulfield, Mr. R. L. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gillespie and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Harrison.

Mr. T. J. Evans, a Shanghai merchant, came down to Hong Kong by the "President Jackson" (arrived yesterday).

Mrs. L. Basset of Shanghai (with three children) arrived here on holiday yesterday, by the "President Jackson."

Mrs. P. E. Bousfield, the wife of a Tokyo tea exporter, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jackson" with her two sons and is travelling on to London.

Going on to Saigon where he is to be American Vice-Consul, Mr. Raymond Lancot arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jackson" from Seattle.

After more than 30 years' missionary service in China, the Rev. F. J. Griffith volunteered for work among the Mongols on the North-West frontier of China Proper and came out on the "Malwa" for five years' service. Mr. Griffith is to be stationed at Tatungfu, in the North China diocese.

The death occurred in mail week at Tunbridge Wells of the Rev. James Henry Sedgwick, who was ordained in 1874 for service at Hong Kong and Foochow. In 1877 he moved to Hangchow and Shikung where he worked till 1883. He later returned to China in 1908 as acting chaplain at Peking. From 1904 to 1913 he was chaplain at Tientsin. In 1895 he was awarded a scholarship for Chinese by the Delegates of the Common University Fund.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jackson" were Mr. G. Felton (Automatic Telephone Co. of Chicago) with Mrs. Felton; Mr. C. Pollard (Pacific Coast Electric Co. of Seattle); Mr. J. A. Powell (with Mrs. and Miss V. Powell) on a tour of the world; Mr. M. Yamawaki (Kobe merchant) with his family; on business, Mr. A. C. Aubrey (Willis Overland Corporation) with Mrs. Aubrey; Mr. W. J. Gorman (San Francisco merchant) on a tour of the Far East; Mr. J. E. Henry (Rogers News Service) after work in the "war zone" at Nanking and Hankow.

Dr. J. K. Milward was one of the passengers on the "President Pierce" which sailed from Hong Kong on Tuesday for Shanghai and Seattle.

Mr. E. F. Stanton, the American Consul in Kalgan (North China), sailed from Hong Kong on Tuesday by the "President Pierce" for Shanghai.

Mr. M. Nemazee, manager of Messrs. Nemazee & Co., went to Shanghai on the "President Pierce" which sailed from Hong Kong on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. M. Horder (the wife of the manager in Hong Kong of Messrs. Connell Bros.) sailed for Seattle on Tuesday by the "President Pierce."

Lt. C. R. Wombell, Lt. L. J. Webb, U.S.N., and Miss Fong Yun-kui were among the passengers who left Hong Kong on Tuesday on the North-bound "President Pierce."

A brother-in-law of Mr. T. V. Soong (Minister of Finance in the Nationalist Government, now reported to be in Shanghai), Dr. H. K. Kung left Hong Kong on Tuesday by the "President Pierce," bound for Shanghai.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at \$17,000 was left by Mr. James Sime Hutchison, late of Zetland House, Hong Kong, and of H.M. Dockyard. Resolving of probate of his will has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, solicitor. Among his bequests is the sum of \$100 to each of his three sisters and to the mother of his adopted daughter, with \$200 to be held in trust until his adopted daughter, Alda Elizabeth Foster, attains the age of 21 years.

On the "President Jackson" (which arrived here yesterday from Seattle via Shanghai) and, booked through to Manila, are the following passengers: Mrs. M. P. Agnew (wife of the manager, Pacific Commercial Co., Cebu); Mr. J. R. Briggs and Mr. E. M. Mitchell (National City Bank of New York); Mr. John F. Davis (President, Spokane Chamber of Commerce) and Mrs. Davies; Mrs. F. S. Floock (returning to Olanapo from Shanghai); Mr. J. P. Glass (with Mrs. Glass and son) on a tour of the world from San Diego; Mr. A. W. Hogan (San Francisco merchant); Mr. G. A. Katz (E. S. & Co., New York) and others.

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LINK BETWEEN HOME AND HONG KONG.

So many startling incidents have rapidly followed each other that even the Chinese themselves are at loss to cope with the trend of events.

Acknowledged as "the link with Hong Kong," this week's issue should be sent to all friends abroad to let them understand what is happening all over China.

WATCHED BY THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

Most difficult for foreigners to understand is the split in the Nationalist Party, a quarrel on which the eyes of the world are turned. The daily reports, backed up by notes in concise form, will give the information that is sought.

People at Home admit that they are nonplussed by the complications in the China situation. There is no more welcome gift for them than a copy of the "Overland."

EVERY PHASE GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED.

How foreign refugees are hastily leaving various parts of China, how Japan has been embroiled in Hankow, how the "Stars and Stripes" were torn down at Chungking, how British residents have undergone hardships—these are all graphically described.

Chiang Kai-shek's considered views, side by side with the Russian-inspired Communist slogans, will make very interesting reading.

Loyalty to the cause of one's own nation impels compliance with the duty of keeping those further away posted as to the facts.

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SPORTS SECTION

STEEPLECHASES.

EXTENSION OF FANLING JUMPS.

BAND ON SATURDAY.

[By "Patrol"]
If only the weather will be kind, the Easter steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt, which after tomorrow will be an unequalled success.

The 1st Cameronian Regt. have lent their hand to enliven the races. All the military encampment structures have been cleared and the course is now looking as well as ever.

As on former occasions, there will be five races, the first starting at 3.15 p.m.

Fields will be much bigger this time as more ponies have been entered. The presence of a proportion of good, "new" ponies will do much to enhance the procedure of finding the winners.

The gentlemen with the pencils will be putting up their stands while the pari-mutuel and cash sweeps will also be in operation.

The jumps have been extended. Excellent sport is assured, if only the day will be fine. Leaving Kowloon at 2.07 p.m., the special train will connect with the branch line at Fanling and reach the course in good time. Return fares are \$1.50 and 90 cents.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

H.K. ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

An opinion was expressed yesterday that there would be a large number of entries for the baseball league this coming season but that some of the teams would not be too good with a possible falling off in support later.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball Association was held in the American Consulate General (by courtesy). Supporting Mr. W. Logan were the officials and representatives of the South China A.A., Japanese Club, Hong Kong Baseball Club, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Club de Reco, Filipino Club.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Charles L. Shaak; Vice-President, Mr. W. Logan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Wong; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. R. Hefonso.

Official Umpires Wanted.
In his annual report, Mr. H. Wong referred to the unsatisfactory position resulting from the lack of appointment of umpires. Last year clubs had been asked to nominate umpires but there had been little response. He suggested that the Umpires Board should appoint two to serve for each match this season.

Reference was also made to "G" ground at King's Park, on which the Association claimed the right to practice. Mr. Hefonso mentioned the steps he had taken in the matter.

Cata receipts last year amounted to over \$1,600 (as against about \$900 the year before). The Association had a balance in hand of \$885.

Encroachment by Spectators.
Mr. Logan described last season's match as unsatisfactory and suggested that the contractor this year should be made responsible for upkeep.

On Mr. Hefonso drawing attention to encroachment by spectators, the meeting agreed to leave the matter to a Grounds Committee to be appointed by the President.

A proposal was put forward that the number of principal teams should be limited, with a subsidiary league for the "indifferent teams." It was mentioned that the Kowloon Y.M.C.A. may enter for competition this year.

Applications close on April 30, the entrance fee for each team being \$50.

LOCAL CRICKET TRIAL.

With a view to selecting a team to represent Hong Kong in inter-port cricket in Shanghai next month, a Hong Kong XI is to meet the United Services on the H.K.C.C. ground this Saturday. The Services team has been chosen. (Those who cannot play should notify Pay Lt.-Comdr. Shaw, H.M.S. "Tamar").

Pay Comdr. Elstob (H.M.S. Froisher), Pay Lt.-Comdr. Reed (H.M.S. Froisher), Lt. Garrett (H.M.S. Froisher), Lt. Dale (H.M.S. Tamar), Lt. Tate (H.M.S. Bruce), Flt. Lt. Brewerton (H.M.S. Hermes), Capt. E. W. Morris (A.S.C.), Capt. A. G. Dobbie (2nd R.O.S.B.), Capt. C. A. Bridgland (R.C. of Sigs.), Capt. A. N. Evers (R.A.P.C.), and Mr. G. Ford (R.A.).

Reserves—Surg. Comdr. Hull (H.M.S. Maine), Lt. Sturges (H.M.S. Hermes), Lt. Sparks (H.M.S. Hermes), Lt. Comdr. Bently (H.M.S. Hermes), and Pay Lt.-Comdr. Shaw (H.M.S. Tamar).

Against Kowloon F.C. on Saturday the Hong Kong F.C. 1st XI (on their own ground) will be: Tedger, Wallington, Bishop, Bridge, Fleming, Ralston, Taylor, Alexander, Howard (captain), Hanson, Valentine.

EPSOM DERBY.

WHAT THE EARLY BETTING CONVEYS.

LORD WOOLAVINGTON'S HOPE.

The Epsom Derby—the classic of turf classics—is to be run this year on June 1 (1½ miles). After the 2,000 Guineas on April 27, those who are interested will profess to know more.

At present money has already passed over a few candidates, viz.:

8 to 1 Call Boy (8 st. 9 lb.)
100 to 9 Hot Night (8 st. 7 lb.)
100 to 9 Birthright (8 st. 9 lb.)
100 to 8 Appledross (8 st. 6 lb.)
100 to 8 Sickle (8 st. 10 lb.)
100 to 6 Damon (8 st. 12 lb.)
100 to 6 Adam's Apple (8 st. 10 lb.)

[Note: the weights given above are not those for the race but are taken from the Free Handicap for 2-year-olds, issued at the end of last flat-racing season as a guide to form at that time.]

After a Record.

Other colts spoken of favourably include Treat, Double Barrel, The Satrap, Fourth Hand, Bold Archer, Shian Mor, Flashing Star, Knight of the Grail, Albanian, Preston, Good St. Anthony, Prestissimo, Friar of Orders Gray, Sunne's Bride and Mr. Charles Howard's Chichester Cross.

Mr. Howard is the butcher who, now about 80 years of age, still competes as an amateur trainer. He had Priory Park in Manna's year and this horse won the Lincolshire this year after having been sold to another owner.

Lord Woolavington hopes to equal the record set up by Lord Rosebery of two successive Derbys. Last year he won with Coronach. This year he has Appledross, from the same sire, Hurry On.

"Mr. Eve's" Representative.

The favourite is Call Boy, belonging to Mr. Frank Curzon of theatrical fame. Whether this colt will stay at the top of the list to the end remains to be seen.

Lord Derby has Sickle, ranking very high in the Free Handicap. Sir Victor Sassoon (whose China ponies are run under the name of "Mr. Eve") has Hot Night. The fair sex is represented by Mrs. S. Whitburn, the owner of Birthright, now joint second favourite.

The "China Mail" turf correspondent understands that Mr. Frank Haytor will, as last year, be giving quotations on the Derby. Such "proximity of interest" in the biggest race of the world was voted, twelve months ago, to be an acceptable innovation as there are always a number who want to "have something on" the Derby.

GOLF MATCH.

Kowloon Golf Club are to entertain the junior section, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, on Sunday. Play begins at 9.45 a.m., singles in the morning, foursomes in the afternoon.

The teams of 16-a-side (in playing order) are as follows:—
Kowloon Golf Club—J. D. Thomson (captain), F. E. Remedios, A. W. da Rosa, E. T. Andrews, W. Paterson, F. X. Remedios, J. McLaggan, E. D. da Rosa, H. W. Page, S. Hawkins, S. Gray, W. S. Hillier, W. J. Carroll, J. C. Long, J. McQueen, I. B. Trevor.

Junior Section, R.H.K.G.C.—J. McCubbin (captain), J. Laing, F. E. Booker, R. Wallace, P. Morrison, W. McKay, W. McG. Davis, J. McK. Bried, R. Campbell, J. Perry, F. H. Glover, G. McLeod, Oldenberg, W. Fryde, A. Brooksbank, T. Young.

OFFER TO CARPENTIER.

Paris, April 6.
A \$75,000 purse is offered to Georges Carpentier (the French heavyweight boxer) to tempt him back to the ring by Gus Wilson, the New York boxing promoter. Carpentier is likely to accept.

For the first time in the history of women's lawn tennis in South Africa a team representing the best of South African women players will be sent this year to England to compete in the Wimbledon championships. South Africa is also to participate in the Davis Cup. The probable team is: Raymond, who is an ex-Olympic Games champion, Eaglestone, of Natal; Condon, of the Transvaal, who is one of the hardest drivers likely to be seen in Europe; and Spence, who is at present in residence in England.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ARSENAL LOSE AGAIN HEAVILY.

MORE MID-WEEK GAMES.

The Arsenal, having reached the Cup final for the first time in history, have been defeated again, heavily this time, in the League. They were visiting Newcastle, the leaders, who thus increase their advantage over Huddersfield (the holders).

London, April 6.
Principal football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

English League.
Division I:—Newcastle 9, Arsenal 1.
Division II:—Reading 3, Barnsley 2.
Division III (North section):—Wrexham 3, Crewe 1.
Scottish League.
Division I:—Falkirk 4, Celtic 1.
[Celtic, who won the Scottish Cup last year, have again reached the final this season.]

BETTER THAN CHINA

IF AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS CAME HERE.

SINGAPORE'S OPPORTUNITY.

A visit from an Australian cricket team would be most opportune and welcome these days when so much of what is contrary to all sportmanship is abroad among certain foolish elements of our population. And what an opportunity such a visit would afford us to switch our minds off China, if only for a few brief hours (observes the "Straits Times").

Should we be able to arrange for the Australians' visit, it is probable that six or seven of the world-famous cricketers who played in the recent Tests would be included in the visiting team. Their drawing power would alone prove sufficient to make the tour an irresistible success.

[In this Hong Kong heartily concurs but would this Colony ever have such an opportunity?—E. "China Mail."]

How All Can Help.
The money which is necessary for Malays to find is estimated at about \$12,000.

Of this sum \$4,000 would be Singapore's quota and the other centres in proportion.

It is proposed that there should be two full matches in Singapore, possibly a third, and two matches in Kuala Lumpur. One match each would be allotted to Ipoh, Malacca and Penang.

These fixtures would fill a month's programme.

The money required must be raised by subscription and it is hoped everybody interested will contribute something, if only a dollar or two, to the total, as it is not proposed to make any charges to spectators.

In Division II, section "A" of the Football League, the Hong Kong F.C. Reserves (on their own ground, kick-off 3 p.m.) will be represented by: Slipper; another, Lyon; Vickers; Walls; Punccheon; Campbell; Thompson; Pile; Johnston; White. Reserves: Howell, Hawkes, Brown.

There are rumblings of an approaching storm over the want of a lead by the Australian Olympic Federation in the matter of preparation for the despatch of an Australian team to the Ninth Olympiad. In New Zealand the authorities have been busy for a long time with an "outlined" team, and Canada and South Africa have their campaign fixed. In Australia one cannot trace any move except a persistent and long-continued outcry for action by Victoria.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR APRIL, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich)			
Date	Sunrise	Sunset	
8	6.11	6.41	
9	6.10	6.41	
10	6.09	6.41	
11	6.08	6.42	
12	6.07	6.42	
13	6.06	6.42	
14	6.05	6.43	
15	6.04	6.43	
16	6.03	6.44	
17	6.02	6.44	
18	6.01	6.45	
19	6.00	6.45	
20	5.59	6.46	
21	5.58	6.46	
22	5.57	6.47	
23	5.56	6.47	
24	5.55	6.48	
25	5.54	6.48	
26	5.53	6.48	
27	5.52	6.49	
28	5.51	6.49	
29	5.50	6.49	
30	5.49	6.49	

2,000 YEARS AGO.

THE ORIGIN OF THE ESKIMO RACE.

PAGE OF ARCTIC HISTORY.

Two tiny islands in the Behring Straits, midway between Alaska and Siberia, have yielded up evidence which scientists expect will settle the vexed question of the origin of the Eskimo race.

Mr. Diamond Jenness, chief of the Division of Anthropology of the Canadian Government at Ottawa, recently spent several weeks excavating on these Diomed Islands—little rocky peaks of mountains almost entirely submerged, and less than 25 miles from either shore.

He has found harpoon heads and needle cases which he believes to be more than 2,000 years old.

The discoveries prove that these rocky islets furnished stepping stones between Asia and America a century before Christ.

Half-Way Posts.

Hitherto it has been a matter chiefly of theory that the ancestors of most of the aboriginal inhabitants of both North and South America came from the Old World by way of Behring Straits, for no really old archaeological remains have been discovered.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, one of the greatest authorities on Eskimo anthropology, considered that the oldest house ruins discovered by himself at Point Barrow could not be certainly placed at more than 400 or 500 years, although they might be much older.

Mr. Jenness's discovery may lead to the finding of remains older still or bring out evidence that the remains already discovered are much older than his conservative estimates.

It has long been known that the Diomed Islands furnished half-way posts for traders from Asia, who came to buy furs from American Eskimos.

That they have furnished a stepping stone between the continents in comparatively modern times is a certain inference.

Mr. Jenness found beads, evidently of European and Chinese origin, which had thus come to western Alaska long before the Russians and other white people of whom there are historic records.

Buried Ruins.

"I have made an excavation on Little Diomed Island, and two on Big Diomed," said Mr. Jenness. "I found that the first ruin I excavated was of a house which had been built upon the ruins of a second that must have been at least 800 years older than the first house, though that must have been very old."

"On further excavation I found a third house ruin under the two others, which would have been some 1,500 years old. I also found elsewhere archaeological specimens which I believe to be even older than any of these ruins."

"It was not possible to prove their age geologically, however, as I found them in landslides which had come down the cliff."

Early Etchings.

"Some of the glass beads which I found, although they were undoubtedly European, came to Western Alaska before the Russians or other whites. Then there are Chinese turquoise beads which are frequently found (says the "Daily Chronicle")."

"Some of these have brass associated with them, or are covered with etchings."

"This throws light on prehistoric contact with China, and fits in with our studies of the original Eskimo religion."

"The importance of the discoveries on Behring Straits, as bearing on the New World, is that this is the gateway by which the population of the New World must be supposed to have entered."

"While I have dated my findings 2,000 years back, I am really sure they are far older, and certainly much older than I had hoped to uncover on this preliminary expedition."

"Asked what attitude the Eskimos took towards his excavations of the homes of their ancestors, Mr. Jenness said that they called a meeting in their council house."

"Later a prominent man and two of his advisers asked me, through interpreters, to show my authority for molesting their homes."

"I knew that the Eskimos were murderous and that they had already slain 20 whites. There was in high mountains covered with the graves of people they had killed."

GREAT SUCCESS.

MASTER E. C. DANENBERG IN AMERICA.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY.

Master Emil Charles Danenberg, the Hong Kong boy musical prodigy, has met with a great success in his American debut.

In the Colony to-day are many accomplished and grateful pupils of Professor E. Danenberg, the lad's father and only teacher.

About two years ago, the son made his bow to local audiences and met with a great reception. Since then father and son have gone abroad in search of further honours. Hong Kong is proud of the achievements of a "Hong Kong boy."

In High Praise.

The "China Mail" has received copies of critiques from several American publications, including the "Bookings Agent" and others. That from the "Pacific Coast Musician" (which gives its cover to a posed photo of father and son) is reproduced in part.

The programme was one whose difficulty and length well might tax the physical strength and memory of the mature pianist. However, it was carried through with flying colours by a nine-year-old boy whose exceeding cleverness and talent interested a fair-sized audience at Baux Arts Auditorium. Master Danenberg, to be sure, cannot accomplish the muscular achievements of an adult; he would be a freak of nature if he could, instead of a healthy, normal lad of unusually fine talent. He shows a strong but not exaggerated sense of rhythm that bespeaks vitality, and he can bring primary melodic material clearly into relief against a secondary harmonic or contrapuntal background in a way that bespeaks musical intelligence as well as artistic feeling. This was well shown in his performance of a Bach Prelude and Fugue (in G), a Mozart Cavotte, and a Haydn Sonata (in D).

Obviously the lad has been carefully and intelligently trained in matters of fingers, wrists and arms, as well as in matters of style and interpretation. He played his difficult numbers with poise and surprising facility. He seemed absolutely devoid of self-consciousness. In fact, at times his unconcern gave a touch of humour to his playing, for while his fingers were frisking merrily over the keys he apparently was staring up at his audience, perhaps estimating how many were present, or looking for familiar faces.

His two-piano numbers, with his father and only teacher, Emil Danenberg, at the second piano, were played with remarkable precision of tempo, phrasing and dynamics. All in all, the boy shows talent, ability and musical intelligence of an order that gives one a right to expect great things from him some day.

Professor Danenberg's address in March was No. 1532, Cambria Street, Los Angeles, California.

"THIS TOUGH CASE."

DIVORCE VERDICT CAUSES CHUCKLES.

The United States, which shows no intention of imitating Britain in prohibiting the publication of evidence in the Divorce Court, is chuckling over the following classic verdict rendered in the courts of Pennsylvania by Judge Henry A. Fuller:

"This tough case could and should have been heard in one hour privately before a judge in Chambers instead of being padded with a public disclosure of its prurient details for days and months before a Master with all the pomp and paraphernalia of a court in session including tipstaves."

The applicant seeks divorce to be relieved from an alimonal obligation. The respondent fights it to retain an alimonal contribution. In her favour we decide against alimony. This leaves open the door to a reconciliation bettling mutual adaptation.

She was evidently disagreeable, but so, too, was he. In her own coin, principal and interest, he paid her back. We think he wanted her to go and speeded her departure. If, as he swears, she made his life a hell upon earth, he must have rejoiced in the riddance.

These parties give each other the lie on every detail of their testimony. The nearest approach to agreement was when she swore that he was frequently drunk, while he swore, "I have many times been intoxicated but never drunk." Lexicographically, on that point at least, they are not far apart, but this is the gateway by which the population of the New World must be supposed to have entered.

"The creed of liberty has to be taught as the working class grows older. We manufacture men."

Complete consistency in any cause or creed, not excluding Christianity, appears—fortunately—to be unattainable.—Mr. A. Ponsonby, M.P.

Mr. Joseph Weidwood, M.P. while gun and then took his dog team and started for the mountains. But his father pursued him with another dog team, caught him 70 miles away, killed him and brought his body back to his home.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Bank of China Share Association.	Bank of East Asia Share Association.
T.T. on London	236	203½	234
T.T. on Shanghai	192	79½	200
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1050	1070	1040
do. London	1103	—	1103½
Chartered Bank	421	421	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	437	432	—
do. C.	2134	213½	—
P. & O. Bank	294	210	—
Bank of East Asia	68	67	71
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	\$662½	\$50	\$660
China Underwriters	80 cts	75 cts	80 cts
North China Insurance	1145	140	—
Union Insurance	280	288	287
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M.	40	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205	205	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	595	600
Shipping.			
Deoglass	31	31	31
Hongkong Steamboats	1052	1070 20	1070
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	110	214	114
Indo-China (Ref.)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	40	40	40
Shell Transports	95	25	94½
Star Ferries	53	49 50	50
Water-boats	14	14	14
Refineries.			
China Sugars	20	16½	17
Malacca Sugars	31	30	31
Mining.			
Benguets	160	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38½	27	40½
Langkats (Combined)	821	—	821
do. (Single)	26	13	—
Shanghai Exploration	74	4	—
Shanghai Loan	77	6	—
Raubs	4	3½	3½
Tronch Mine	21½	—	—
Ural Caspians	8	21½	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & W. Wharves	100	98	98
H.K. & W. Docks	40	33 33½	38
Hongkews	150	—	150
New Engineerings	154	54	480
Shanghai Docks	1101	100	101
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	600	7	614
Hongkong Lands	52	108 11	50½
Hongkong Realty	6	6	6
H.K. Territorial	24	1	2
Humphreys Estate	1234	12½	123½
Prince's Building	85	87	—
Rural Lands	154	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	1785	72	178
Oriental	126	24	24
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154	52 54	54
do. (new)	727	27	27
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	4	5
Cements (comb.)	7	6	6½
do. (old)	6	6	6
do. (new)	12	1	13 Cts
China Buses	9	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14	12	15½
do. (old)	11	9	11
do. (new)	610	6	6
China Prov.	390	4	390
Dairy Farms	15	14½	15
Der A. Wing	6	5	6
Hongkong Amusements	1760	174	17
H.K. Constructions	230	230	240
Hongkong Electric	40	45	45
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	6	7
do. (new)	5	1	20
Hongkong Tramways	204	20	7
Lane, Crawford	7	7	—
Macao Electric	35	—	—
Macintosh	19½	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	960	—
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MIDDLE EAST.

MAJOR NEWMAN'S FINE ACCOUNT.

Major Newman has written an admirably lucid and readable account of what has been happening in the last few years in the old Turkish provinces now under British and French mandatory rule in Persia. He brings his narrative up to the end of last Summer, thus providing the most up-to-date summary available in book form of the present state of the Arab lands. Not everyone will agree with all his judgments, but on the whole he is fair to the innumerable interested parties in what has been not inaptly described as an Oriental Ulster. He is ready at once to criticize and to state the case in favour of Arab and of Zionist claims in Palestine, and to point out the faults of the French regime in Syria and the British in Iraq without failing to stress the grave difficulties against which the mandatory Powers have had and are having to contend.

In his versions of such familiar episodes as Lord Balfour's tour and the bombardment of Damascus he writes vividly, and does not neglect the dramatic possibilities of the theme. Nor does he confine himself to high politics. He has an eye for the picturesque and for the droll vicissitudes of travel in a land that still has one foot in the Old Testament and as far as material conditions are concerned, for the stay-at-home reader he conjures up a clear picture of the streets of Jerusalem, Damascus, Bagdad, and Teheran, and of the great stretches of desert that lie between those ancient cities. He has the inestimable advantage of treating throughout of sights and scenes with which he has been personally familiar, and he seems to have enjoyed the good fortune of always being on the spot whenever anything of interest was happening. Not the least attractive feature of this book are the photographs, many of them taken by the author.

ODD NOTES.

"Murder by Post" is the arresting title of one section in Mr. McCluer Stevens' new book of studies in criminology entitled "From Clue to Dock." One of the instances he describes—as a variant of the more conventional present of an "infernal machine"—is that of an ingenious Italian countess who sent to her rival, a variety actress, a handsome jewel-case bearing her husband's monogram and containing a live puff adder. This—mark you—not in the Middle Ages but on St. Valentine's Day 1904!

The book—which also has a section on Murder Inns, Smugglers, and Highwaymen—was published early in March by Messrs. Stanley Paul.

Devotees of the noble and ancient game of chess will welcome "The Practice Chess Player's Handbook," just published by Messrs. Stanley Paul. This new manual is based on the work of Staunton and modern authorities, and is illustrated by games recently played by Lasker, Capablanca, Marshall and other heroes of the board. In order to ensure perfect accuracy, all the lessons and games were carefully played through before the proofs of the book were finally passed for press.

The first Afrikaans novel to be translated into English—"Among Privileged People" by Marie Linde—has been published by Messrs. Stanley Paul. In South Africa, the book was awarded the first prize of one hundred pounds offered for a work of fiction. The adjudicators, including Professor Besselaar and Dr. P. C. Schoones, were unanimous in their opinion that "Among Privileged People" ranks with the very finest prose works in Afrikaans.

Messrs. Stanley Paul have also published "Unlawful" by Charles Turner who will be known to many as a special correspondent on the subject of aircraft to the London daily Press. Woven into it is an incident concerning a Government secret which was the talk of Paris some years ago. On that occasion the issue of a great newspaper was held up by the French Government because it contained the revelation

GOOD-BETTER-BEST.

MR. A. J. T. LLOYD'S NEW BOOK.

"Mr. J. A. T. Lloyd's 'Good-Better-Best' (Holden, 7s. 6d. net) is a psychological novel, but one of an unusual kind. The author is, in fact, concerned with the influence of environment, which sounds a sufficiently stale subject; but where he is original is in the double action which he gives to this influence. Every one knows that weak characters take their colour from their surroundings and are often completely changed by them: Mr. Lloyd has imagined a natural series of events in the course of which the weak characters violently affect and finally change characters by whom, at the beginning of the story, they seem to be altogether dominated," says the "Times Literary Supplement."

"The strongest character in the book is Briscoe, a rich man of ruthless ideas who is thinking of going into politics. Of democracy Briscoe has a low opinion; his creed is that the best form of government is a benevolent tyranny, in which the tyrant makes use of criminals to do his dirty work. Criminals have, however, for Briscoe no more importance than slaves for Aristotle; they are just stupid people and useful, but, only as servants."

"He is, in fact, a sort of Superman, swollen with the sense of his importance and an exaggerated belief in his opinions. Meanwhile, Mrs. Briscoe is, in her own way, just as strong a character as her husband. Briscoe seems to be on the verge of dominating his unhappy country; Mrs. Briscoe, a clever woman with an Egyptian style of beauty, sees through everybody, controls his household, and manages the lives of a whole collection of acquaintances."

"Yet these two strong people are changed in nature and turned the one into a criminal and the other into a weak woman. . . . The title of the book alludes to the three women between whom Reggie makes ineffectual efforts to choose. This judgment of Paris, as Mrs. Briscoe calls it, is a minor feature of the plot; and the average male reader will be interested much more in Mr. Lloyd's provocative ideas on politics and psychology—criminal and other—than in his conscientious efforts to dissect the feminine mind."

"As is to be expected in a novel, it is difficult to disentangle the thread of thought from the dialogue and narrative; but the attempt is well worth making, and whether or not one agrees with what one supposes to be Mr. Lloyd's views, they deserve patient consideration."

SAVOYARD TRIUMPHS.

It is appropriate that, with the Gilbert and Sullivan opera season upon us in Hong Kong a new appreciation of these brothers of the theatre should make its appearance. This little book might ably serve as a guide to the 13 operas. It contains a well-balanced analysis of the dual talents of Sir William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, and their interdependence one upon the other. To those already familiar with the operas it will make a special appeal. A brief resume of the great Savoyards is included, and the methods of production at the Savoy is touched upon, with some advice for amateur representations.

("Gilbert and Sullivan: A Critical Appreciation," by A. H. Godwin; London, Dent.)

of the secret referred to in "Unlawful."

Messrs. Stanley Paul are publishing "Jimmie Rezaire" by Anthony Armstrong, noted for his weekly articles in "Punch" over the initials "A.A."

PALMERSTON.

LIGHT ON BRITISH HISTORY.

The memory of British statesmen of the Victorian period will not perish for lack of biographers. Gladstone, Beaconsfield, Granville, Salisbury, Dilke, Palmerston, and others have been immortalised in biographies ranging in size from two to six volumes. Recently Professor Hearnshaw published a very fine summary of eight Prime Ministers of the Nineteenth Century, including a brilliant sketch of Palmerston by Mr. Philip Guedalla. Those, however, were mere sketches of political principles. Mr. Guedalla apparently has been making a very long and careful study of Palmerston for his latest book, entitled "Palmerston," has been published by Ernest Benn, Ltd. Nobody would be likely to utter one word against the multiplicity of biographies if they were all as good as Mr. Guedalla's "Palmerston." Unlike so many biographers he does not strip away contemporary history and concentrate on a mere delineation of his subject. Mr. Guedalla, like Macaulay, has a genius for narration, and in his book of 500 pages he pours with singular dexterity a continuous flood of light upon British history of sixty years. The prose is often splendid and glittering, and there is a liquid continuity about the narrative that makes it highly interesting. Palmerston, was born in 1784, the year that Reynolds painted "The Tragic Muse," and he died in 1865, the year that Swinburne published "Atalanta in Calydon." Yet, according to Mr. Guedalla, he was not typically one of the Victorians: rather he was the last fragment of the Eighteenth Century projecting far into the Nineteenth. His life was rooted in the heart of the Eighteenth Century. Mr. Guedalla remarks that Palmerston and the Eighteenth Century never asked questions: they answered them. Like his old leader, George Canning, he believed that Britain ought to be a model to Europe. The story is presented dramatically, and the book is unquestionably a very fine biography. Above all, Mr. Guedalla presents his readers with a full-blooded man and not with a mummy, as so many biographers do.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE EMPIRE'S JUNIOR PARTNER.

Several excellent books have been written about New Zealand. Mr. C. A. Wilson has made a patriotic effort to compress into one volume a record of Maori and Pakeha history, from the earliest times, descriptions of the flora and fauna, and a geographical account of the country. It cannot be said that the attempt has been very successful. The book is in places confused, and some of the history is very inaccurate. We are told, for instance, that Tasman discovered New Zealand, and then "went away and discovered Australia, on November 24, 1642, then Tasmanla, Fiji, and the Friendly Islands." The truth is that he sighted the west coast of Tasmania on November 24, and then went on to New Zealand; he did not visit Australia at all on that voyage. This is only one of a number of inaccuracies. The printer, too, has done his worst in many places. For instance, he has made Mount Egmont 18,280 feet high, and carried the foundation of New Plymouth back to 1814 on the one page. Like most New Zealanders, Mr. Wilson is an enthusiastic patriot. It is pleasing to learn that "New Zealand is not as is generally supposed, subject to earthquakes." It is admitted that slight shocks have been felt from time to time, as elsewhere in the world.

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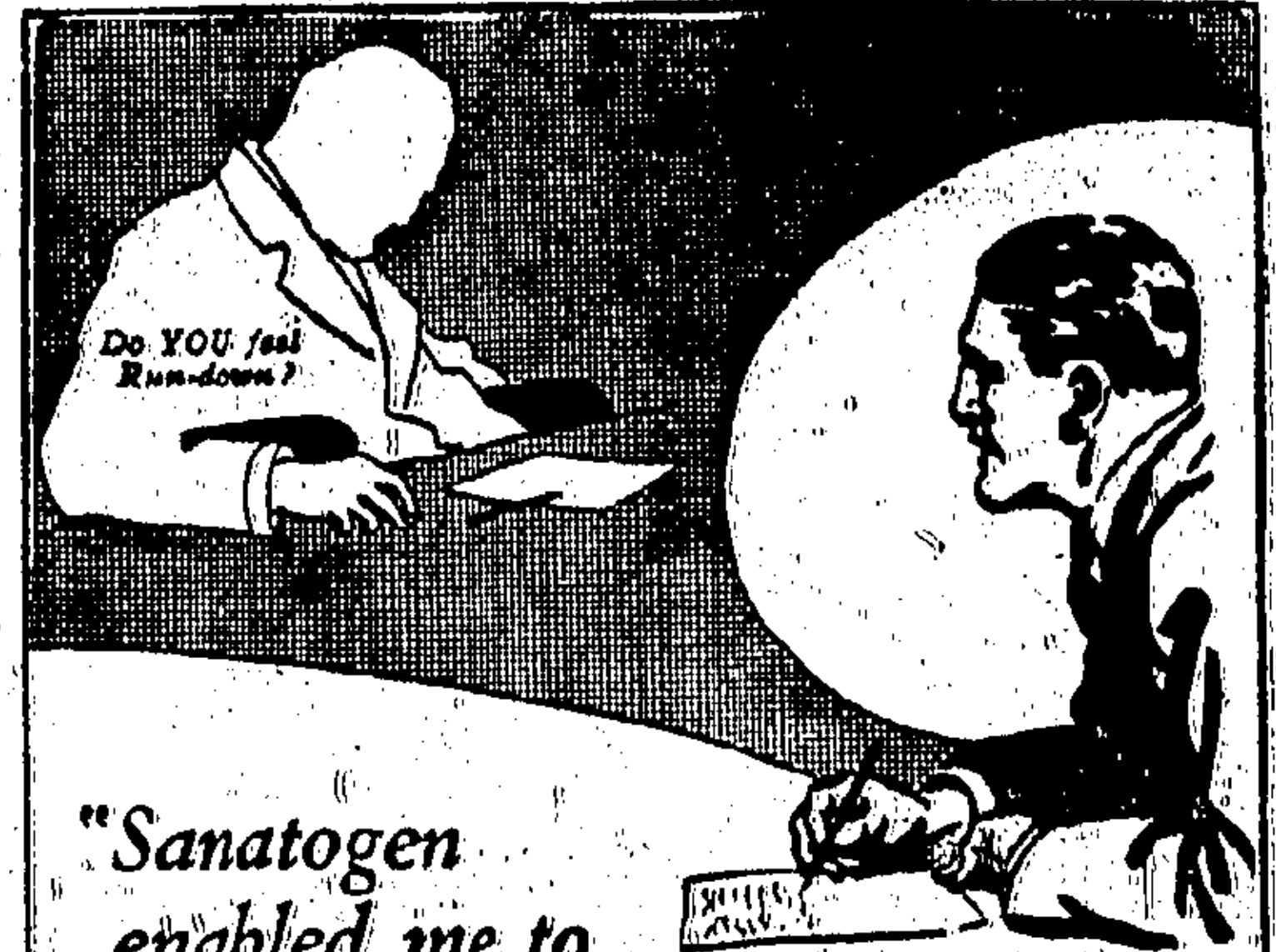
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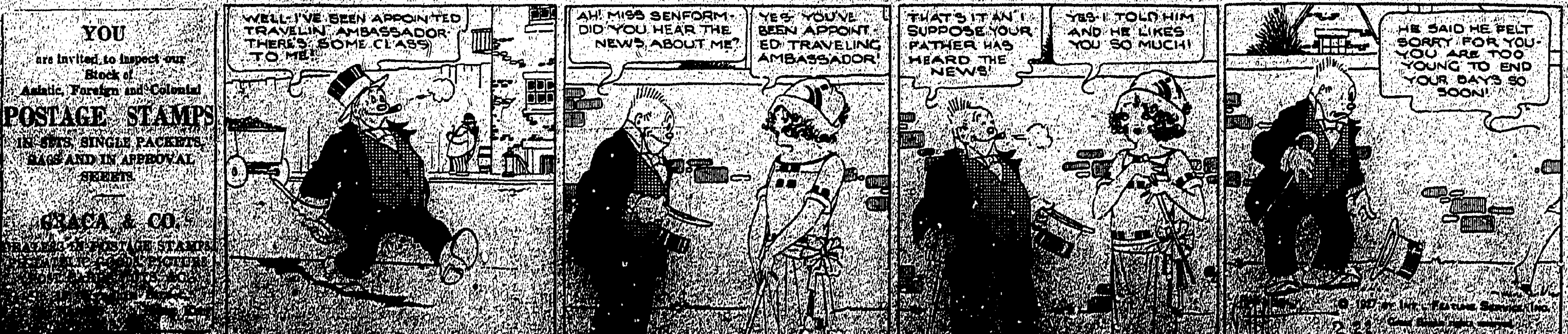
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Lord Buckmaster's Bill to
 tect the lapwing, which was
 troduced on the opening day
 the session, provides that it
 not be lawful to sell any lap-
 for human consumption between
 March 14 and August 11, or
 sell for human consumption the
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 posed penalties are £5 or u-
 for a first offence and in the
 of a subsequent offence a fine
 exceeding £10 or imprison-
 for a period not exceeding
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stitution has decided to award
thanks, inscribed on vellum, to
women of Newbiggin, Northum-
land, for their gallantry in lau-
ding the lifeboat on January 26
This is the third occasion in re-
years on which fisherwomen on
Northumberland coast have
awarded the thanks of the Ins-
tution on vellum for gallantry.
In 1922 the women of Holy Island,
In 1925 the women of Boulmer
ceived a similar award.

A message from Dr. Gann to Scotaman, from Belize, British Guiana, states that he has discovered a vast extent of ruins in South Yucatan. There is a series of temples, some nearly 200 feet high, which were originally covered with stucco, and painted in brilliant colors. The underground chambers, the temples, platforms, walls may represent the early occupation of Yucatan by the mentioned in ancient records of which no trace has before found.

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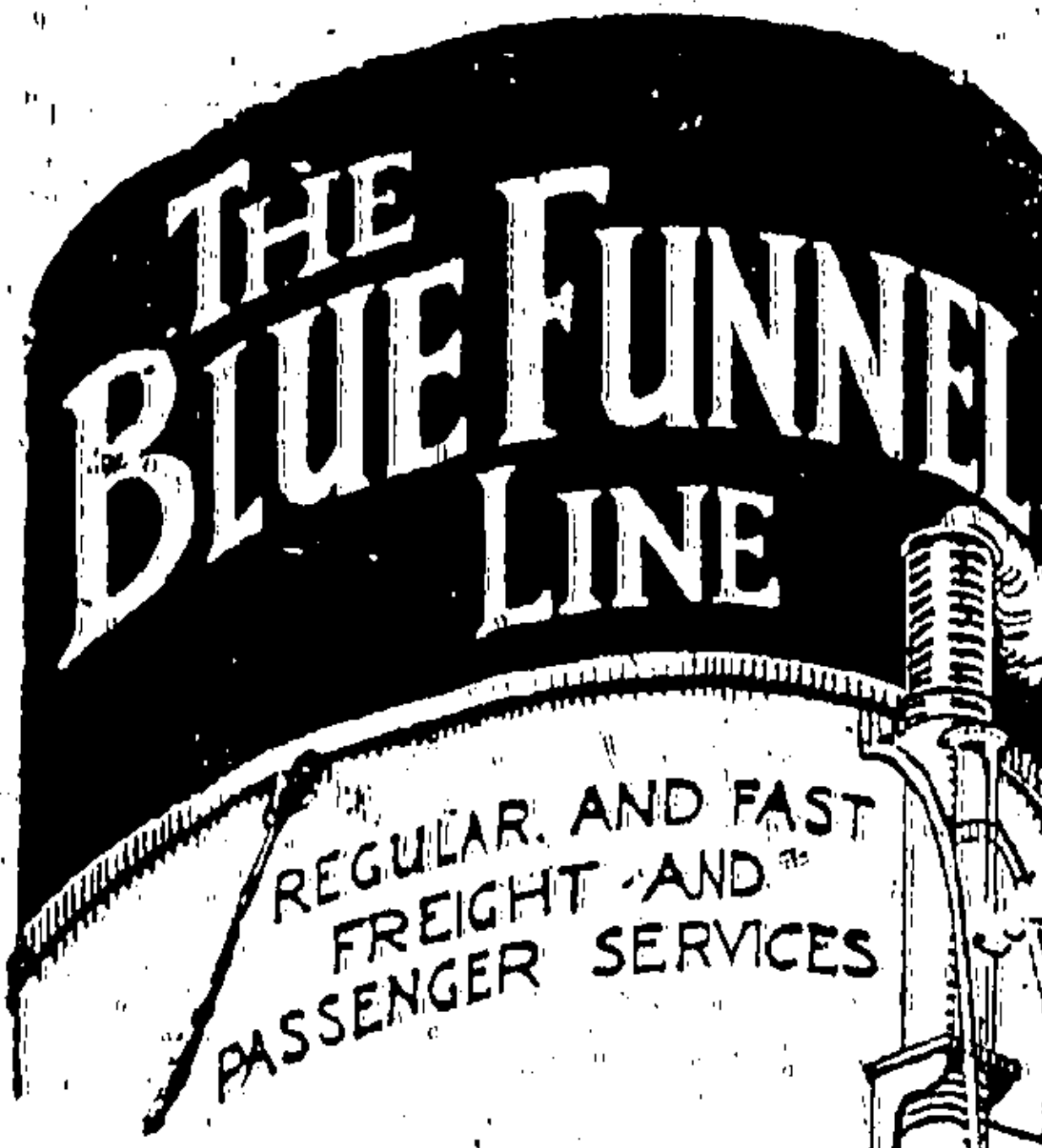
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Amoy	Namsang 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Sze Ma 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL	
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Carmarthenshire 8.30 a.m.
Saigon & South Africa	Hawaii Maru 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Devawongse 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Teucer 11 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikarang 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ning 1 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Soochow 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 8th May. Registration 8.45 a.m.	
Straits & Calcutta. Parrels Noon.	
Letters 1 p.m.	Kamo Maru.
SUNDAY, APRIL	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Kumsang 10
Manila	Horan Maru 8.30 a.m.
	Empress of Russia 9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th May. Parrels 10 a.m. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	
TUESDAY, APRIL	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ching Noon
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 10th May. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	
	General Metzinger.

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LOCAL LADIES' WORK.

Charities Helped During Year.

TO-DAY'S W.C. & M.C.L. MEETING

A great deal of the energy of the women of the Colony at the present time, said Mrs. W. T. Southern at to-day's annual meeting of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, was being worthily and efficiently directed to the help of the troops. It was, often the busiest people who found time for such extra work and consequently they hoped and believed that the Guild and League would not flag but be stimulated by the presence of the troops amongst them. Mrs. Southern added that a substantial sum was devoted by the League yearly to charities for the benefit of families of Service men.

Supporting Mrs. Southern at to-day's annual meeting at the Helena May Institute were Mrs. Luard, Mrs. T. H. King and Mrs. D. Burlingham, there being many members present.

After the adoption of the report and balance sheet on the proposition of Mrs. Tratman, seconded by Mrs. Luard, letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Lady Clementine and Miss Wu, of St. Paul's College Girls.

Mrs. Southern's Review.

Mrs. Southern, reviewing the Guild's activities, said that in an organisation of this sort where so much good work was done, there were many to whom thanks were due but they must avoid the danger in such a review of making it a mutual admiration society. The report, it must be said, however, showed a wonderful result achieved during a year of adverse circumstances for the Colony. The year before last, the funds realised were \$15,222 and during the past year there had only been a falling off of \$1,376, figures which spoke for themselves of the enormous amount of unselfish work which was put into the Women's Guild and M.C.L. both by grown-ups and children.

She would like, said Mrs. Southern, to express to all branches, her appreciation of their independent efforts during the year. There had been several changes in office-bearers. They had lost the valuable support of Mrs. Stirling last December and in her place they had acquired the equally valuable support of Mrs. Pearson. Mrs. Harris-Walker, who had shepherded the Victoria branch so successfully, had been obliged to relinquish the leadership and they were also losing the services of Mrs. Phillips, of Quarry Bay, who was going home on leave. They were hopeful, however, of finding worthy successors to these positions.

Mrs. Wolfe had returned to preside over the Police branch, which had done splendid work under the guardianship of Mrs. King. They had seized Mrs. King for the Secretaryship, in which position she had a first class mantle to assume which had just dropped from Mrs. H. T. Creasy who had gone home on a well-earned holiday.

Tribute to Mrs. Creasy. She could not speak too highly, added Mrs. Southern, of the good work for the League of Mrs. Creasy and of her untiring enthusiasm. In this connection she had received a letter from Mrs. Creasy expressing appreciation of the Guild's action in having a deputation to await her on the wharf on the occasion of her departure and presenting her with a letter of appreciation signed by the Committee of the Guild. She thanked the Committee and members for their loyal support and looked forward to her return amongst them. (Applause)

Mrs. Southern also referred to the impending departure of Miss Middleton-Smith, Headmistress of St. Stephen's Girls'. The girls of St. Stephen's, under the guidance of Miss Middleton-Smith, had been a tower of strength to the Guild. The Guild wished their Headmistress happiness in her impending retirement. The good wishes of the Guild would go with her.

Owing to Mr. Burlingham being ordered home for reasons of ill-health, Mrs. Burlingham had given up the treasurer's post. They regretted Mrs. Burlingham's resignation and wished Mr. Burling-

ham a speedy return to health. They looked forward to seeing them both back before long.

Thanks For Loyal Help.

In conclusion, Mrs. Southern thanked the Press for their assistance in making known the Guild's events and its objects, and expressed her warm thanks for the splendid support of members during the past year. She asked that this loyal help might be continued throughout the year. Above all, she hoped that one or two Children's branches might be formed. The students of St. Stephen's, St. Paul's and Bellios School had done admirable work in helping to swell the funds but there were many children who did not assist. It was so necessary, said Mrs. Southern in conclusion, to get children to think of such work and help with it when they were, as it were, in the "green leaf" rather than leaving it to the "sere and yellow" period.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Southern; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. H. King; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Tratman. The Committee as last year (suggestions for filling the vacancies caused by the departure of Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Harris-Walker to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. King).

Mrs. Southern mentioned that they were most anxious that Secretaries should send in a complete list of all members in order that they could get an address book of everyone in the League. And, again, although she hated to refer to the sordid question of money, members could help by sending in their subscriptions as soon as possible to Branch Secretaries.

Mrs. Luard would be leaving them for a short period, it was mentioned, and they knew that she would return with renewed vigour for the work of the League.

Football Match.

A football match had been arranged in support of the funds of the M.C.L. on April 23, on the Sookumpoo ground, kick-off at 3.30. Mrs. Southern announced. They hoped it would be well supported. Sir Shou-son Chow was to kick-off.

Arising out of the discussion of suggestions for the raising of funds, a member considered that the organisation of smaller events by each branch rather than the big annual fete might be followed during the coming year. But it was decided to leave this matter to be discussed by the Committee. Members were asked to send their views on this matter to Mrs. King.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Dovey and Mrs. Blair signified their willingness to act as Joint-Secretaries for the vacancy in connection with Victoria branch.

The Annual Report.

The report for the year was as follows:—The President and the Executive Committee (which includes the Branch Secretaries) wish to express their grateful thanks to all those whose generous support has made this year a remarkably satisfactory one financially, considering the adverse conditions prevailing in the Colony. It was decided for various reasons not to hold a bazaar this year, but to have a Children's Fete on

November 20. This was held in Government House Grounds kindly lent by H.E. the Governor.

The special feature of the Fete was the Pastoral Play produced by Mrs. Chator. The Committee's warmest thanks are due to her and also to Miss V. Capell who arranged all the dances for the Play.

During the year each branch held sales, organised bridge drives, and entertainments and in other ways collected money for the general funds.

Special thanks are due to Mr. A. Dyer Ball for having run the accounts office at the Children's Fete and for having audited the accounts for 1926.

The net proceeds of the Children's Fete and of Entertainments held during the year amount to \$12,346.02.

The annual statement shows a balance of \$370. The various charities to which assistance had been given were mentioned; the report stating it is very much to be regretted that owing to the reduction in funds this year several donations have had to be reduced and two have had to be cut out.

Loss of Mrs. Dyer.

It is with the deepest regret that the Committee have to record the untimely death of Mrs. A. Dyer Ball who for several years was Gen. Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League. During her period of office the Guild and League rose to the height of their attainments; this was mainly due to her whole-hearted efforts and to the immense amount of time and energy which she placed at the disposal of the Guild and League.

Lady Severn, former president of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, was present at the Annual Meeting in 1926 of the Ministering Children's League Headquarters, London; she gave some interesting details of the Hong Kong Branch which were much appreciated by the London Executive Committee.

The Gen. Hon. Secretary had the pleasure of meeting one of the members of the Home Executive Committee of the M. C. L., Miss Robinson, when she passed through Hong Kong in October on a tour round the world. Miss Robinson informed the Hon. Secretary that although Hong Kong is one of the outposts of the British Empire it has done more for the Ministering Children's League than any other Colony. It was unfortunate Miss Robinson had so little time at her disposal and therefore was unable to meet the local M.C.L. Committee or to visit those Schools whose pupils work so hard for the M.C.L.

The following comprised the Branches of the Guild and League during 1926:—

Naval and Dockyard Branch, Military Branch, Police Branch, Peak Branch, Peak Children's Club Branch, Victoria Branch, Quarry Bay Branch, Kowloon and Kowloon Dock Branch, Bellios Girls' School Branch, St. Paul's Girls' School Branch, St. Stephen's College Branch and one new Branch—The Prisoners.

Efforts were made to organise a May Road Children's Club Branch, and a Victoria Children's Club Branch, but it was found impossible to work either at the present time.

The Peak Children's Club Branch is most satisfactory. A small Sale was held by the Children in Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard's Garden at the end of their season's work. Mrs. Bernard very kindly allows the children to meet weekly in her garden during the summer.

During 1926 there were 400 Adults and 975 Children members on the books of the Guild and League.

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